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Last year, the Coral showed U.S. audiences just why fans overseas were going gaga for the previously unheard of amalgamation of musical styles represented on its debut album. Now, the band returns with a double-disc packaging of its U.K. No. 1 sophomore album, *Magic And Medicine*, and its brand new mini-album, *Nightfreak And The Sons Of Becker*. They're very different records, but there's a logic behind it all. "We're not out there just trying to be mad," guitarist Bill Ryder-Jones tells CMJ.

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CORAL

Magic And Medicine

(Deltasonic–Columbia)
Take Magic And Medicine on its own, and you might get the feeling that the Coral has gotten a bit, well, down. After the blaring horns, doo-wah-oohs, pirate romps and medieval balladry of the band's debut album, downtempo retro-ballads like "Don't

Think You're The First" and "Secret Kiss" — not to mention a single about a guy so frustrated with his humdrum life that he *kills himself* ("Bill McCai") — convey a kind of melancholy that's only made more intense by knowing what preceded it. That said, you actually *don't* have to take this disc on its own, because the initial U.S. release sees it packaged together with the newer and most-definitely-not-sad *Nightfreak And The Sons Of Becker*. With 11 tracks in just under half-an-hour, *Nightfreak* features songs like the loony "I Forgot My Name" and "Auntie's Operation," nicely offsetting the quieter, more emotionally insightful themes of *Magic And Medicine*. Basically, this package

is a lot like getting away with having both a wife and a mistress — a deep, heavy and meaningful affair, with a bit of fun on the side.

— Doug Levy

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LIARS

They Were Wrong, So We Drowned (Mute)

In Rosemary's Baby, Mia Farrow's character is bequeathed a book entitled All Of Them Witches, helping her to discover her neighbors' sinister plans. Similarly, when Brooklyn's Liars mis-Googled "Broken Witch," the lead cut on They Were Wrong, So We Drowned (referencing witch

hunts), they found the German folk story of Walpurgisnacht — the night when witches gather on a mountain peak dubbed the Brocken. Deep within the song's sampled analog buzzes and stabby snares, and beyond singer Angus Andrew's lyrical wishes of being a horse, lurks something stark — the kind of menace that only accompanies uncertainty. Single "There's Always Room On The Broom," meanwhile, is a dissonant experiment in sound layering, and is the only song on the disc to recall the Liars' former postpunk leanings. The rest of the cuts are tone poems recanting the stories of burnt and drowned witches, mostly amplified by clanging, discordant static, Andrew's apathetic singing style, and new drummer Julian Gross's tribal patterns. While listeners may misinterpret the Liars' new-

found sounds as iconoclasm, don't join the angry villagers in letting them drown. — **Kory Grow**

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CHALLENGER

Give People What They Want In Lethal Doses (Jade Tree) Whipping through classic-leaning punk songs with the same fervor as the frosty wind that rips through buildings in the band's hometown, Chicago's Challenger is propelled by Milemarker chums Dave Laney and Al Burian. With the blazing and angular guitars, ambiguous

political aesthetic, and go-for-broke vocals of that band all still present and accounted for, where Challenger differs lies in the fact that this new musical incarnation pounds out high-velocity punk rock without getting caught up in the neo-prog or artrock bullshit that has watered down so many other would-be punk greats. *Give People What They Want In Lethal Doses*, the band's debut, does a better job of capturing its urgency in some places than others, but fist-in-the-air anthem "Input The Output" is a good place to start. "Unemployment" and "Brand Loyalty" continue the assault, with machine-gun drumming, doubled-up meaty guitar riffs and husky vocal harmonies

muscling the listener between tracks, making What They Want a beautiful new vice that should be taken in mass quantities.

Louis Miller

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PILOT TO GUNNER

Get Saved (Arena Rock) Although the members of Pilot To Gunner call über-hip Brooklyn home, don't make the mistake of assuming they're a part of any scene. Too catchy to be typical New York noise-rockers, too modern sounding to be lumped in with the Gang Of

Four wannabes, and almost too mature-sounding to be labeled "emo," PTG is in a league of its own. The band's second album, *Get Saved*, sees it continuing to blaze its own trail, assisted by veteran producer and ex-Jawbox member J. Robbins. A blast of attitude perfect for those who have outgrown Good Charlotte, but still like punk, *Get Saved* features stand-out track "Barrio Superstarrio" — as fine an example of a kick-ass punk song as you'll ever hear this side of a Rancid album. "Downstate," meanwhile, has some nice quieter moments, without ever seeming weak. The cream of the

crop of new punk bands trying to be heard, Pilot To Gunner is a group with no gimmicks — just no-bullshit punk rawk 'n' roll.

— Brad Filicky

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FIREWATER

Songs We Should Have Written (Jetset)

Coming from Firewater, you'd expect a Tom Waits cover on a collection of other people's songs (and there is: "Diamonds And Gold"), but what's more interesting are the tracks you don't expect. Eight of the 11 songs here are culled from the late '60s, including the Sonny

And Cher chestnut "The Beat Goes On." Well, let's give frontman Tod A and crew a pass on that one, considering their stellar, whiskey-drenched take on Lee Hazlewood's "This Town." Sinatra also covered it, but not with as much danger and fear in the mix as here. It takes guts to step to Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues," but no doubt the late Man In Black would approve of Firewater's rebellious take. Ditto for the Rolling Stones' "Paint It Black" — playing up the Indian drones and violin, the delivery is, to paraphrase Tod A, more depressive than manic, reminding you what a creepy head-trip the song really is. A second

Hazlewood number, "Some Velvet Morning," also fits the group like a glove. Perhaps a whole Firewater album of Hazlewood covers is worth considering?

- Steve Ciabattoni

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ILL LIT

I Need You (Badman)

Like a perfect meeting of the old and the new, Ill Lit's second fulllength, I Need You, combines the melancholy-drifter sounds of Americana — lonesome acoustic guitars, on-the-verge-of-tears vocals and strong melodies with quiet touches of electronica: driving rhythms, astute keyboard playing, and deep 808

grooves. This mix provides a very solid foundation on which the band builds its songs — compositions that act as extremely personal reflections on loss, regret and hope. "Nothing worse than the chance you aren't taking," sings D. Ahearn on "Freeway," but it's obvious his band does take chances. Groups of this nature can only succeed if they dig deep inside to create music with a brutal honesty, and Ill Lit succeeds by being as honest as they come. In fact, at times, the songs on I Need You provide such detail that they almost seem more like short stories than music. This is an

album for anyone who has ever felt lost; Ill Lit might not help you get found, but it will give you some beautiful songs to light the way.

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A&R ALERT **rachel loshak**

Band Members: Rachel Loshak (bass and vocals), Jason Crigler (guitars), Dan Rieser (drums) Base Of Operations: New York City Releases: Mint (2003), Firefly (2001)

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or an unsigned artist, Rachel Loshak has performed on some pretty big stages. Like at Madison Square Garden, for one.

The New York-based singer-songwriter joined Norah Jones on backing vocals during her performance at the 2003 Grammy Awards, and it's a moment she won't soon forget. But if Jones's invitation to sing alongside her at such a high-profile event wasn't enough, she has also offered her seal of approval to Loshak's recent sophomore album, Mint. "Rachel is one of a kind, and I love this record," reads a quote from the star on the album's cover.

The pair is tight from their days as part of the intimate circle of musicians who performed at the old Living Room space in New York City. Jesse Harris was also in that circle, and, in fact, he was Loshak's drummer for a time. ("Yes, he plays drums!" the singer laughs.) The venue has since relocated to a larger space, but the old crew is still known to drop in quite regularly.

What makes Loshak unique amongst her

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fellow performers, however, is the way in which she plays. Rather than strumming an acoustic guitar or tinkling the ivories, the angel-voiced artist accompanies herself on bass.

"There isn't another girl (or guy for that matter) that I know of that sings and plays bass as a solo performer, or in a band, in this way," says Loshak. "My songs are personal, but are open to interpretation, so that people can connect them to whatever they feel from their own lives, and the bass and voice thing makes it more direct and pure."

Currently joined by guitarist Jason Crigler and drummer Dan Rieser, Loshak has played with a host of musicians over the years, taking full advantage of the scene she found herself in for both inspiration and support.

"I love to have other people come and play and sing with me, to keep things interesting and experiment with different sounds and feelings," she says. "That goes for in the studio and at shows."

While it may be easiest to look to Loshak's contemporaries for comparison, her own take on her influences says a lot more. Rather than just take a straightforward approach to the idea, she plays with the thought of a variety of different sources feeding her creative font.

"I feel like I'm influenced every day, by all kinds of things around me: people, words, images and feelings," says Loshak. "Musically, from childhood, I've been influenced first, foremost and greatly, by the Beatles - John Lennon specifically — and then by musicals of the '70s — Jesus Christ Superstar and Evita. Later, singers such as Sarah Vaughan, Chris Conner, Carole King and Joni Mitchell, all the way to Prince.

"I recently discovered Sandy Denny, the English singer of Fairport Convention, and was touched by her life and her voice," Loshak adds. "I feel like I took a part of her experience with me, and will take it into how I approach my own songs. That's what being influenced means, I think,"

Check out Rachel Loshak's own work and you'll see exactly what she means. — Doug Levy



MEDICINE MEN

THE CORAL is back, with a two-disc double-dose of music for its American fans.

Story by Doug Levy • Photos by Arthur Janssen

t can be difficult keeping up a rock star image when you've got your mom talking for you. If it weren't for the **Rhombus Of Doom**, **Bill Ryder-Jones** wouldn't have to worry about this problem.

As it stands, though, when CMJ phones the Coral guitarist to discuss the stateside release of his band's new album, it's not quite the voice we were expecting on the other end of the line. "This is his mum," it says. "I'm afraid he's not here."

There's not much more information to be had at the moment, however, as she goes on to explain, "I'm sorry. I just do the washing around here." We are promised, though, that her wayward son will receive a scolding when he returns.

When we finally do catch up with Ryder-Jones, he reveals that his mother did, in fact, insist that he apologize for his absence. At least he's got a good excuse.

"What happened was that this band that we all know from Liverpool was doing a gig, and their guitarist is gone to America — to Boston. And they just phoned me up and asked me to do a gig with them. So I went to practice with them all week, and didn't take my mobile. I forgot about everything I had to do that week. Sorry about that, mate."

That band? The Rhombus Of Doom. Formerly known as the Living Brain. Don't bother looking for it in your local record store, though. While Ryder-Jones professes a great admiration for the group, he also calls it "the unsignable band." "It's the weirdest music," he says. "They're boss." (Note: you *can* find the Rhombus online at

www.livingbrain.co.uk/rhombus.htm.)

Anyway, with his apology accepted (and how can you not forgive such a well-mannered band?), we get on to the matter at hand. *Magic And Medicine*, the Coral's sophomore album, which was released to great success in the Liverpool-based group's native U.K. last year, is finally hitting stores over here. However, being the prolific band that it is, the

Coral has already gone ahead and made yet another disc in the meantime. The limited-edition mini-album, Nightfreak And The Sons Of Becker, is an early 2004 release overseas, and, while the group is quick to point out that it doesn't consider it to be a proper third album, it still posed the problem of how the U.S. could stop falling one Coral disc behind. The answer is quite simple: for the domestic release, Columbia Records is packaging the two discs together — buy Magic And Medicine, and you get Nightfreak as a bonus. This is more than acceptable to the band, as it solves one of the primary problems it's currently facing.

"We didn't want *Nightfreak* to be reviewed and to be looked at as a big third album," says Ryder-Jones, who's speaking from Coral frontman James Skelly's house, where the pair is making noise with bandmate Lee Southall. "It's like a mini-album that we just sort of rushed into, and it looks like — it just initially looks smaller, doesn't it? It looks like less of a deal. That's mainly it.

"People can think of it like an album, if they want," he continues. "It doesn't matter. That just gets in the way. I just think if you just learn the story of how the Coral went out to do this off the back of a big album that was like, quite serious, you'll see that we went out and did this because we needed to do it. It's not like a fuckin' Radiohead end-of-the-world political masterpiece or anything. We weren't out for that. We were just out for sticking out a little record that we were buzzed on. You know what I mean? It's a concept album about a fuckin' German tennis player, you know? You can't take it as serious."

The tennis player in question, of course, is **Boris Becker**. As for what the actual "concept" is, you've got us, but for some hints (or, more likely, a lot of added confusion and a heavy dose of creepiness), you can check out the album Web site at www.nightfreakandthesonsofbecker.com. The bottom line is that it's a far different record from the aforementioned "big album," Magic And

Medicine — which took the Coral to No. 1 on the U.K. charts.

Where the group's self-titled debut album propelled it into the international music consciousness for its bizarre, off-kilter mix of Zappa-spiked weirdness, classic Merseybeat melodies, and everything from doo-wop to sea chanties, *Magic And Medicine* saw it take a radical shift into more somber, reflective, singer-songwriter-based fare. The majority of the material came from Skelly, as opposed to the band's unrestricted jams, and it saw the group that was so well-known for its zaniness suddenly not only asking to be taken seriously, but not giving anyone a choice about it.

"That probably came from touring," says Ryder-Jones. "We were getting tagged with the 'wacky' label, you know. It was like, we just wanted to get down and make some music that sounds like a great record, like ones we had listened to. We talked about how we wanted it to be for a while beforehand, and then that's what we went for. But with the other two albums we just went up there and tried to do something — it's a different approach."

Likewise, it was almost an opposite reaction that inspired the mini-album. "We made *Nightfreak* generally because we had sort of moved," he continues. "We just wanted to make something that was a bit more exciting. That's pretty much the intent."

If you listen to both discs back-to-back, it may give the impression that you've got a manic-depressive band on your hands; but really, they're just two sides of the same thing. As multifaceted as any group you'll find around, the Coral isn't really subject to radical mood swings — it's just been through a lot in the last few years, and it's presenting what feels right at any given moment.

"Things just come about; it's circumstance," says Ryder-Jones. "Magic And Medicine could have something to do with how many gigs we were doing at the time, and a reaction to the pressure you need to have a rockin' set and stuff like that. We probably



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wanted to get out of a few years of just going up there and playing dead fast. We just wanted to maybe prove that what we do has to be controlled. I think people who like that album will pick up on the fact that there's weird points to it, but, as usual, we're not out there just trying to be mad. We try our best to place everything in order and stuff like that. But people who hear *Nightfreak* might think it's a bit more bang-on-the-day kind of do-what-felt-good thing — and that's what that was, you know. That's the difference between the two albums. Not so much the sound; they're both quite lo-fi."

Both discs, like the band's debut, were produced by the Lightning Seeds' Ian Broudie. However, while *Magic And Medicine* was a regular studio affair, *Nightfreak* saw the band's six members packed up and headed to

a studio in Wales, where they made the whole thing in the space of little more than a week. Some of the songs weren't even written when they left.

"It was a mixed bag," says Ryder-Jones.
"There were a few written; a few little tiny
bits written; a few that had to be split up; a
few written on the day; a few written over a
few days. There were a few that we weren't
even going to do and we just did them,
arranged them, and it turned out. It just
comes about. Put all of us in a place where
we can record and that's what we'll give you.
We don't want people to think it's like we're
going for a Frank Zappa masterpiece, or
fuckin' sonic novelties or assortments. It's
just whatever fits and whatever felt good on a
day. The album represents the point that we
were at making it at that time."

Now, while America's love affair with *Magic And Medicine* — and its strange friendship with *Nightfreak And The Sons Of Becker* — is just about to begin, the Coral is back home in Liverpool, planning a band trip to England's Lake District to see where its music will take it next. If it's anything like the Wales expedition, it should prove pretty rewarding.

"That was 12 days in a little studio, and we slept in this little outhouse that it had across a little path," remembers Ryder-Jones. "It was freezing cold — a boss atmosphere for the group of lads that we are to be in. We just got down to some childish games and fuckin' recording; doing minor mischief, and basically just getting up to no good. It was fun."

Just remember, if you get into any trouble, don't let mom find out. NMR

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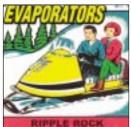
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46	71	-	46	2	NO MOTIV Daylight Breaking	Vagrant
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48	44	59	44	5	OXFORD COLLAPSE Oxford Collapse [EP]	Kanine
49	36	19	7	11	COLDPLAY Live 2003	Capitol
50	111	_	50	2	GHOST Hypnotic Underworld	Drag City

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200 Moves

ven Air's impressive Talkie Walkie (4-2*) couldn't eclipse frontrunner Sun Kil Moon's Ghosts Of The Great Highway, which spends a third consecutive week at No. 1. Looking ahead, it'll be tough, though not impossible, for chief Moon Killer Mark Kozelek to retain his lead on the Radio 200 for a fourth week; aside from Air, Sun Kil Moon has to contend with stiff competition from Stereolab (65-3*), John Vanderslice (5-4*), Mountain Goats $(10-7^*)$, Mekons $(13-8^*)$ and Ani DiFranco (11-9*) in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, **Starsailor**'s *Silence Is Easy* soars 143-15* and the Bens debut EP leaps 97-17* — both are Top 10 material and should continue to advance. There's plenty of fresh blood on the chart, as well; the week's most notable debuts came from Electrelane (D-16*), Savath And Savalas (D-32*), Poster Children (D-37*) and Say Hi To Your Mom (D-43*). Also, if you're looking to needlessly alarm your parents, friends and co-workers — something we like to do just to fill the time between issues - look no further than Fantomas's Delirium Cordia (D-153*), which is about as close as one can get to probing the labyrinth of mental illness, without the required daily dosage of serotonin reuptake inhibitors and group meetings. Goddamnit, Chief! I knew you could talk! — Kevin Boyce



Come sail away... (143-15*)



1 YEAR AGO

NICK CAVE AND THE BAD SEEDS

Nocturama (Epitaph–Anti)

CALLA *Televise* (Arena Rock)

DELGADOS *Hate* (Mantra)



5 YEARS AGO

ANI DIFRANCO Up Up Up Up Up Up (Righteous Babe)

TAKAKO MINEKAWA A Cloudy Cloudy Calculator (Emperor Norton)

MOJAVE 3
Out Of Tune (4AD-Sire)



10 YEARS AGO

RAMONES
Acid Eaters (Radioactive)

TORI AMOS
Under The Pink (Atlantic)

JAWBOX For Your Own Special Sweetheart (Atlantic))

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101	64	73	15	12	DISTILLERS Coral Fang	Sire-Reprise
102	_		102	1	1208 Turn Of The Screw	Epitaph
103	122	175	103	3	OH MY GOD Interrogations And Confessions	Light Year–NOVO
104	58	37	25	8	CEX Maryland Mansions	Jade Tree
105	69	44	26	11	GUIDED BY VOICES The Best Of Guided By Voices: Human Amusements A	•
106	120		106	2	EISLEY Marvelous Things [EP]	Reprise
107	-	_	107	1	ENVY CORPS Soviet Reunion	Bi–Fi
108	116		108	2	VICIOUS VICIOUS Blood And Clover	Self-Released
109	R	156	109	2	SHALABI EFFECT Pink Abyss	Alien
110	49	38	5	14	YO LA TENGO Today Is The Day [EP]	Matador
111	146		111	2	PETRACOVICH Blue Cotton Skin	Red Buttons
112	102	115	102	4	KATE RUSBY Underneath The Stars	Compass
113	132		113	2	ROMANTICA It's Your Weakness That I Want	2024
114	126	124	114	3	AZURE RAY New Resolution [CD5]	Saddle Creek
115			115	1	ROY Big City Sin And Small Town Redemption	Fueled By Ramen
116	101	119	101	3	BRILLIANT MISTAKES Dumb Luck	Aunt Mimi's
117	123	138	38	13	CAMPFIRE GIRLS Tell Them Hi	Interscope
118	96	63	13	12	ANTI–FLAG The Terror State	Fat Wreck Chords
119	114	45	45	12	DFA COMPILATION #1 Various Artists	DFA
120	-	_	120	1	ELECTED Me First	Sub Pop
121	95	74	53	7	TENKI View Of An Orbiting Man	Future Appletree
122	171	_	122	2	LAIKA AND THE COSMONAUTS Local Warming	Yep Roc
123	_		123	1	GAINER You Say It Like It's A Bad Thing	Bent Rail
124	167	103	60	10	DIRTBOMBS Dangerous Magical Noise	In The Red
125	103	86	76	9	MOUNTAINEERS Messy Century	Mute
126	117	128	110	5	IDLE HANDS Dig?	Skinchips
127	89	80	80	4	MURDOCKS Murdocks [EP]	rprise Truck Entertainment
128	61	47	19	10	AGAINST ME As The Eternal Cowboy	Fat Wreck Chords
129	129	145	64	9	THE BLOW The Concussive Caress, Or, Casey Caught Her Mom Singing	K
130	174		130	2	RAPIDER THAN HORSEPOWER This Is My Big Night	Essay
131	104	67	58	6	MYRACLE BRAH Treblemaker	Rainbow Quartz
132	_		132	1	SAHARA LOUNGE Various Artists	Putumayo
133	_		133	1	CHARMS So Pretty	Primary Voltage
134	73	75	73	4	TWITTERING MACHINE Breakfast By The Dunes	Self-Released
135	-	_	135	1	OPUS Breathing Lessons	Mush
136	-	-	136	1	LIVING END "Who's Gonna Save Us" [CD5]	Reprise
137	161	_	137	2	HANNAH MARCUS Desert Farmers	Bar/None
138	113	117	98	5	MO' HORIZONSAnd The New Bohemian Freedom	Stereo Deluxe
139	_		139	1	MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO In Dub	Run
140	_		140	1	MAHJONGG Machinegong [EP]	Cold Crush
141	127	90	31	12	SOMETHING CORPORATE North	Drive-Thru
142	85	56	46	12	LUCKY BOYS CONFUSION Commitment	Elektra
143	R		30	13	WRENS The Meadowlands	Absolutely Kosher
144	153		144	4	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS Greatest Hits	Warner Bros.
145	118	76	41	15	DARKNESS Permission To Land	Atlantic
146	124	148	47	11	R.E.M. In Time: The Best Of R.E.M.	Warner Bros.
147	106	100	53	12	JOSS STONE The Soul Sessions	S-Curve
148	87	65	31	8	MOBY 18 B–Sides + DVD	V2
149	134	102	60	11	CATCH 22 Dinosaur Sounds	Victory
150	92	46	11	14	KID KOALA Some Of My Best Friends Are DJs	Ninja Tune

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151	_	_	151	1	LCD SOUNDSYSTEM Yeah (Stupid Version) / Yeah (Pretentious Mix) [CD5]	DFA
152	105	52	48	6	SPECIAL PILLOW Inside The Special Pillow	Zofko
153	-	_	153	1	FANTOMAS Delirium Cordia	lpecac
154	100	147	100	5	KARMINSKY EXPERIENCE INC. The Power Of Suggestion	ESL
155	-	_	155	1	CESARIA EVORA Club Sodade Bluebird—A	rista Associated Labels
156	157	110	38	13	BOOKS The Lemon Of Pink	Tomlab
157	133	120	85	7	STEREO TOTAL Monokini	Kill Rock Stars
158	_	_	158	1	MEASLES MUMPS RUBELLA Fountain Of Youth	Troubleman
159	184	105	105	5	GIRLS ARE SHORT Earlynorthamerican	Upper Class
160	145	_	145	2	TRANSISTOR TRANSISTOR/WOLVES Split	Level Plane
161	-	_	161	1	LAMB Between Darkness And Wonder	Koch
162	_	_	162	1	MINDY SMITH One Moment More	Vanguard
163	158	195	4	18	PRETTY GIRLS MAKE GRAVES The New Romance	Matador
164	162	70	50	6	DAEDELUS Rethinking The Weather	Mush
165	R	137	55	16	STORY OF THE YEAR Page Avenue	Maverick
166	83	55	32	7	BRITTA PHILLIPS AND DEAN WAREHAM Sonic Souvenirs [EP]	Jetset
167	193	_	167	2	CHEEPS The Cheeps	Slovenly
168	192	_	168	2	APARTMENT 26 Music For The Massive	Atlantic
169	136	109	62	8	MARK LANEGAN BAND Here Comes That Weird Chill	Beggars Banquet
170	119	58	52	6	NEUNG PHAK Neung Phak	Abduction
171	140	97	39	8	ADVENTURE TIME Dreams Of Water Themes	Plug Research
172	_	_	172	1	CORAL Magic And Medicine	Deltasonic-Columbia
173	98	91	91	6	CRASH TEST DUMMIES Puss 'N' Boots	Hunter
174	78	51	47	5	NEGATONES Snacktronica [EP]	Melody Lanes
175	128	130	49	13	CRACKER Countrysides	iMUSIC
176	130	133	91	5	NEW BOMB TURKS Switchblade Tongues And Butter Knife Brains	Gearhead
177	84	68	68	7	HOT WOMEN: WOMEN SINGERS FROM THE TORRID Various Artists	Kein And Aber
178	_	_	178	1	LUCY KAPLANSKY The Red Thread	Red House
179	_	_	179	1	THE START Death Via Satellite	Nitro
180	_	_	180	1	AGAINST ME Cavalier Eternel [7—Inch]	Fat Wreck Chords
181	182	_	181	2	ZEEK SHECK Careco	Swezlex
182	175	186	175	3	INCUBUS Megalomaniac [CD5]	Epic
183	194	155	4	18	RAPTURE Echoes DF	A–Strummer–Universal
184	_	_	184	1	GROODIES Groodies	Failed Experiment
185	135	_	24	18	JET Get Born	Elektra
186	169	144	82	9	LUME EP2	Self-Released
187	_	_	187	1	ELEVEN Howling Book	Self-Released
188	142	84	42	14	LYRICS BORN Later That Day	Quannum
189	_	_	189	1	NORAH JONES Feels Like Home	Blue Note
190	115	81	28	11	DRESDEN DOLLS Dresden Dolls	Eight Foot
191	_	_	191	1	FOOLED BY APRIL Nice To See You [PROMO EP]	Self–Released
192	121	94	18	17	STARS Heart	Arts And Crafts
193	R	132	132	8	FITNESS Call Me For Together	Control Group
194	108	112	65	13	VAN MORRISON What's Wrong With This Picture?	Blue Note
195	-	_	195	1	BURD EARLY Mind And Mother	Western Vinyl
196	86	66	64	5	AUDRA KUBAT Million Year Old Sand	Times Beach
197	_	_	197	1	WILLOWZ The Willowz	Dionysus
198	186	_	75	13	STELLASTARR Stellastarr	RCA
199	190	121	104	8	ALBUM LEAF Seal Beach	Acuarela
200	148	171	51	17	RICKIE LEE JONES The Evening Of My Best Day	V2



15 YEARS AGO

LOU REED New York (Sire–WB)

VIOLENT FEMMES 3 (Slash–WB)

THE FALL

I Am Curious Oranj (Beggars
Banquet–RCA)



20 YEARS AGO

LOU REED
New Sensations (RCA)

PRINCE Purple Rain (Warner Bros.)

SIOUXSIE AND THE BANSHEES *Hyaena* (Geffen)



25 YEARS AGO

GRATEFUL DEAD
Shakedown Street (Arista)

GEORGE THOROGOOD AND THE DESTROYERS Move It On Over (Rounder)

BILLY JOEL 52nd Street (Columbia)

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1	4	43	1	3	AIR Talkie Walkie Source-Astralwerks	37	-	-	37	1	SAY HI TO YOUR MOM Numbers And Mumbles Euphobia
					UP 42 POSITIONS	38	63	_	38	2	MICE PARADE Obrigado Saudade Bubblecore
2	44	_	2	2	STEREOLAB Margerine Eclipse Elektra	39	_	_	39	1	KIDS OF WIDNEY HIGH Act Your Age Moon Man
3	1	2	1	10	SUN KIL MOON Ghosts Of The Great Highway Jetset	40	_	_	40	1	THE CHURCH Forget Yourself spinART
4	6	_	4	2	JOHN VANDERSLICE Cellar Door Barsuk	41	58	_	41	2	ELTRO Past And Present Futurists Absolutely Kosher
5	19	-	5	2	CAMERA OBSCURA Underachievers Please Try Harder Merge	42	35	28	28	3	DUB NARCOTIC SOUND SYSTEM Degenerate Introduction K
6	8	_	6	2	MEKONS Punk Rock Quarterstick	43	46	75	43	3	CHESTER COPPERPOT The Kings Of Kirby PopKid
7	7	62	7	3	MOUNTAIN GOATS We Shall Be Healed 4AD-Beggars Group	44	20	9	9	9	WHEAT Per Second, Per Second Aware-Columbia
8	12	_	8	2	DIZZEE RASCAL Boy In Da Corner XL-Matador	45	R	39	39	3	COLD MOUNTAIN Soundtrack DMZ
9	5	5	5	3	HELLA The Devil Isn't Red 5RC-Kill Rock Stars	46	-	_	46	1	DANI SICILIANO Likes !K7
10	13	_	10	2	ANI DIFRANCO Educated Guess Righteous Babe	47	-	_	47	1	FLATLANDERS Wheels Of Fortune New West
11	2	3	2	8	HER SPACE HOLIDAY The Young Machines Mush	48	51	_	48	2	DRUGMONEY Mtn Cty Jnk Hybrid
12	10	73	10	3	PHANTOM PLANET Phantom Planet Daylight-Epic	49	_	_	49	1	CALIFONE Heron King Blues Thrill Jockey
13	3	1	1	12	SHINS Chutes Too Narrow Sub Pop	50	75	_	50	2	KING COBRA The King Cobra Troubleman
14	11	27	11	3	ONEIDA Secret Wars Jagjaguwar	51	_	_	51	1	BAYSIDE Sirens And Condolences Victory
					#1 DEBUT	52	69	_	52	3	OXFORD COLLAPSE Oxford Collapse [EP] Kanine
15	-	_	15	1	ELECTRELANE The Power Out Too Pure–Beggars Group	53		_	53	2	HORRORPOPS Hell Yeah Hellcat
16	21	_	16	2	METAL URBAIN Anarchy In Paris Car Park	54		41	38	4	HALLOWEEN, ALASKA Halloween, Alaska Princess
17	14	29	14	3	IMA ROBOT Alive [EP] Virgin	55		34	7	11	STROKES Room On Fire RCA
18	50	_	18	2	CHARIZMA AND PEANUT BUTTER WOLF Big Shots Stones Throw	56		21	17	7	FLAMING LIPS Ego Tripping At The Gates Of Hell [EP] Warner Bros.
					#2 DEBUT	57		_	57	2	SPECIAL GOODNESS Land Air Sea N.O.S.–Epitaph
19	-	-	19	1	STARSAILOR Silence Is Easy Capitol	58		_	58	1	SKYWAVE Synthstatic Blisscent
20	-	-	20	1	BENS The Bens EP Dangerzone	59		_	59	2	VOLEBEATS Country Favorites Turquoise Mountain
21	-	-	21	1	POSTER CHILDREN No More Songs About Hidden Agenda	60		42	11	10	EXPLOSIONS IN THE SKY The Earth Is Temporary Residence
22	30	-	22	2	STATISTICS Leave Your Name Jade Tree	61	28	35	28	3	MATTHEW DEAR Leave Luck Spectral-Ghostly International
23	9	4	4	10	ELBOW Cast Of Thousands V2	62	İ	17	7	11	UNICORNS Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone? Alien8
24	15	30	15	3	CLOUD CULT Aurora Borealis Earthology	63			63	1	SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS Mojo Box Yep Roc
25	23	-	23	2	TELEFON TEL AVIV Map Of What Is Effortless Hefty	64	İ	8	6	8	AL GREEN Can't Stop Blue Note
26	40	-	26	2	WEIRD WAR If You Can't Beat 'Em, Bite 'Em Drag City	65	İ	0	65	2	BEN ARTHUR Edible Darling Bardic
27	31	-	27	2	KID606 Kill Sound Before Sound Kills You Ipecac	66		_	66	1	COACHWHIPS Bangers Vs. Fuckers Namack
28	16	7	7	8	LOT SIX Major Fables Tarantulas			CE.		,	_
29	-	_	29	1	GHOST Hypnotic Underworld Drag City	67 68		65	57	3	HOLMES BROTHERS Simple Truths Alligator JAYLIB Champion Sound Stones Throw
30	17	10	10	4	JASON COLLETT Motor Motel Love Songs Arts And Crafts			19	19	4	SOUNDS Living In America New Line
31	-	_	31	1	SAVATH AND SAVALAS Apropa't Warp	69		45	22	7	, and the second
32	24	26	24	3	CRYSTAL METHOD Legion Of Boom V2	70	-	_	70	1	LIGHTS Beautiful Bird Bop Tart SUALABLE EFFECT Pick Abuse
33	33	53	33	3	NOTWIST Different Cars And Trains Domino	71	-	47	71	1	SHALABI EFFECT Pink Abyss ALIEN TUDBLES So Mush For The City. Mission
34	18	11	6	11	RYAN ADAMS Rock N Roll Lost Highway	72		47	26	14	THRILLS So Much For The City Virgin OCTAVILIS Audio Alair
35	-	-	35	1	EVAPORATORS Ripple Rock Alternative Tentacles—Mint	73		_	73	1	OCTAVIUS Audio Noir Mush
36	37	31	31	4	EMERGENCY How Can You Move? You Guys On A Label?	74		_	74	1	NO MOTIV Daylight Breaking Vagrant
						75	-	_	75	1	LAIKA AND THE COSMONAUTS Local Warming Yep Roc



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ALBUMS

#	LW	TS	ARTIST, ALBUM Lab	el
1	1	26	DENALI The Instinct Jade Tre	е
2	3	25	CRADLE OF FILTH Damnation And A Day Red In	k
3	6	20	TOMAHAWK Mit Gas Ipeca	C
4	48	16	HEY MERCEDES Loses Control Vagran	nt
5	34	16	INTERPOL Turn On The Bright Lights Matado	r
6	4	15	DRESSY BESSY Dressy Bessy Kinderor	е
7	10	714	THE SOUNDS Living In America Warner/New Lin	e
8	13	14	ERASE ERRATA Erase Errata Blast First	st
9	16	12	CAT POWER You Are Free Matado	r
10	14	12	SPIRITUALIZED Amazing Grace Sanctual	ry
11	25	11	SUPERSUCKERS Motherfuckers Be Trippin' Mid	fi
12	22	11	YEAR OF THE RABBIT Year Of The Rabbit Elektr	a
13	68	11	PLEASURE FOREVER Alter Sub Po	p
14	19	10	FLAMING LIPS Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots Warner Bro	s.
15	29	9	THRILLS So Much For The City Virgi	n
16	17	10	ANOTHER ENGINE Astromagnetic Spinsuga	ar
17	39	9	NEUTRAL MILK HOTEI In The Aeroplane Over The Sea Merg	e
18	31	9	RADIOHEAD Hail To The Thief Capitol-EN	ΛI
19	32	9	PALOALTO Heroes And Villains America	ın
20	27	8	MATES OF STATE Team Boo Polyvin	yl
21	52	8	WILCO Yankee Hotel Foxtrot Nonesuc	h
22	11	8	LINKIN PARK Meteora Warner Bro	s.
23	58	8	DOG FASHION DISCO Committed To A Bright Future Spitfir	e
24	21	8	JEALOUS SOUND Kill Them With Kindness Better Lookin	g
25	7	7	UGLY DUCKLING Taste The Secret Emperor Norto	n
26	25	97	THRICE The Artist In The Ambulance Islam	d
27	23	7	SPOON Girls Can Tell Merg	е
28	41	7	KRAFTWERK Tour De France Soundtracks Astralwerk	(S
29	51	7	VICTIMAS DEL DR. CEREBRO Fenomenos Os	0
30	46	7	WORTHLESS UNITED A Nation Under Now or Neve	er
31	23	07	SHAMRA Whatever Fits Full	m
32	36	7	SOUR Exactly What You Think It Is Grey Goo Transmission	IS
33	57	7	ZEROMANCER Clone Your Lover Cleopatr	_
34	18	96	BECK Sea Change Geffe	
35	66		SAVES THE DAY Stay What You Are Vagrai	
36	55		CAT POWER Moon Pix Matado	
37		6	CREAM Those Were The Days Polydo	
38	10-		FRENZAL RHOMB Sans Souci Fat Wreck Chord	
39	44		GATSBYS AMERICAN DREAM Ribbons And Sugar Rocketsta	- 1
40	83		WHEAT Aware 9: The Compilation Awar	
41		36	ANBERLIN Blueprints For The Black Market Tooth & Na	-
42	79		THE DECEMBERISTS Castaways And Cutouts Kill Rock Star	-
43	97		THE CURE Galore Elektr	-
43	13		ROLLINS BAND The End Of Silence Imag	
45	56			12
45		36		
40		36 26	JIMMY SMITH House Party MIRACLE OF 68 Every Famous Last Word Lakeshor	
				- 1
48		26	WAKEFIELD American Made Arist	_
49 En	4/	6	EYES LIKE KNIVES Eyes Like Knives Secret Fin	_
50	-	6	NECROFIX Nefarious Somnabulance Metropoli	S

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Label	SONG, ARTIST, ALBUM	TS	LW	#
Red Ink	Thank God For The Suffering CRADLE OF FILTH Damnation And A Day	21	2	Ц
Blast First	Owls ERASE ERRATA Erase Errata	14	4	
Vagrant	Unorchestrated HEY MERCEDES Loses Control	9	29	
Jade Tree	Normal Days DENALI The Instinct	9	5	
Warner/New Line	Seven Days A Week THE SOUNDS Living In America	7	-	
Fum	Freon SHAMRA Whatever Fits	7	193	
Better Looking	For Once In Your Life JEALOUS SOUND Kill Them With Kindness	7	7	4
Jade Tree	The Instinct DENALI The Instinct	7	42	
Sub Pop	White Mare PLEASURE FOREVER Alter	7	184	
Tooth & Nail	Change The World (Lost Ones) ANBERLIN Blueprints For The Black Market	6	85	0
Aware	/ Met A Girl WHEAT Aware 9: The Compilation	6	26	1
Elektra	Rabbit Hole YEAR OF THE RABBIT Year Of The Rabbit	6	34	2
Midfi	The Fight Song SUPERSUCKERS Motherfuckers Be Trippin'	6	48	3
Imago	Low Self Opinion ROLLINS BAND The End Of Silence	6	94	4
Arista	Sold Out WAKEFIELD American Made	6	61	5
Lakeshore	Every Famous Last Word MIRACLE OF 68 Every Famous Last Word	6	108	6
American	What You Are PALOALTO Heroes And Villains	6	59	7
Gmm	Everywhere We Go DISCIPLINE Saints And Sinners	6	411	8
Sanctuary	She Kissed Me (It Felt Like A Hit) SPIRITUALIZED Amazing Grace	6	38	9
Psychopathic	Fire ZUG IZLAND Cracked Tiles	6	211	0
Matador	Untitled INTERPOL Turn On The Bright Lights	6	-	1
Ipecac	Mayday TOMAHAWK Mit Gas	5	311	2
Atlantic	I Believe In A Thing Called Love DARKNESS Permission To Land	5	1	3
Jade Tree	Hold Your Breath DENALI The Instinct	5	125	4
Fontana	Waydown CATHERINE WHEEL Happy Days	6	-	5
Kinderore	Blinktwice DRESSY BESSY Dressy Bessy	5	119	6
Warner/New Line	Dance With Me THE SOUNDS Living In America	5	323	7
Midfi	A Good Night For My Drinkin' SUPERSUCKERS Motherfuckers Be Trippin'	5	78	8
Elektra	Strange Eyes YEAR OF THE RABBIT Year Of The Rabbit	5	40	9
Spitfire	Rapist Eyes DOG FASHION DISCO Committed To A Bright Future	5	248	0
Matador	He War CAT POWER You Are Free	5	275	1
Columbia	Search And Destroy IGGY AND THE STOOGES Raw Power	5	-	2
Kinderore	Better Luck DRESSY BESSY Dressy Bessy	5	16	3
Double Agent	Burning Hearts MY FAVORITE The Kids Are All Wrong	5	318	4
Warner Bros.	Fight Test FLAMING LIPS Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots	5		5
Atlantic	New America BAD RELIGION The New America	5	212	6
Virgin	Weak And Powerless A PERFECT CIRCLE Thirteenth Step	5	462	7
Ipecac	Rape This Day TOMAHAWK Mit Gas	5	51	8
Oso	Freaks VICTIMAS DEL DR. CEREBRO Fenomenos	5	144	9
Touch & Go	Machine YEAH YEAHS Machine	5	124	0
Sire	Once In A Lifetime TALKING HEADS Remain In Light	5		1
Elektra	How About You STAIND 14 Shades Of Grey	5	3	2
Go Beat	Romance BETH GIBBONS & RUSTIN MAN Out Of Season	5		3
Epitaph	You're A Bullshit Salesman With A Mouthful DEATH BY STEREO Into The Valley Of Death	5	121	4
Caroline	Emaline BEN FOLDS FIVE Naked Baby Photos	5		5
Polyvinyl	Fluke MATES OF STATE Team Boo	4	-	6
Virgin	Santa Cruz (You're Not The Far) THRILLS So Much For The City	4	224	7
Geffen	Lost Cause BECK Sea Change	4		8
Lookout	Speakers Push The Air PRETTY GIRLS MAKE GRAVES Good Health	4		9
			45	0

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1	Righteous Babe Source–Astralwerks Alligator
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4 7 - 4 2 JOHN VANDERSLICE Cellar Door 5 14 - 5 2 STEREOLAB Margerine Eclipse 6 8 - 6 2 SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS Mojo B UP 32 POSITIONS 7 39 - 7 2 FLATLANDERS Wheels Of Fortune 8 3 1 1 9 SUN KIL MOON Ghosts Of The Great Highway 9 11 12 9 4 KATE RUSBY Underneath The Stars	Δlligator
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9 11 12 9 4 KATE RUSBY Underneath The Stars	New West
	Jetset
10 6 2 1 9 AL GREEN Can't Ston	Compass
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11 15 6 6 5 COLD MOUNTAIN Soundtrack	DMZ
#1 DEBUT	
12 12 1 STARSAILOR Silence Is Easy	Capitol
13 17 - 13 2 MOUNTAIN GOATS We Shall Be Healed	4AD-Beggars Group
14 31 - 14 2 MINDY SMITH One Moment More	Vanguard
15 15 1 MEKONS Punk Rock	Quarterstick
16 16 1 LUCY KAPLANSKY The Red Thread	Red House
17 27 - 17 2 PHANTOM PLANET Phantom Planet	Daylight–Epic
18 18 1 CHARIZMA AND PEANUT BUTTER Big Sho	ots Stones Throw
19 19 1 ELECTRELANE The Power Out	Too Pure–Beggars Group
20 10 16 6 13 VAN MORRISON What's Wrong With This Pict	ure? Blue Note
21 - 21 1 BENS The Bens EP	Dangerzone
22 9 11 6 8 KINKY Atlas	Nettwerk
23 - 23 1 THE CHURCH Forget Yourself	spinART
24 33 32 24 3 HELLA The Devil Isn't Red	5RC-Kill Rock Stars
25 18 14 10 12 THRILLS So Much For The City	Virgin
26 32 30 26 3 NORAH JONES Feels Like Home	Blue Note
27 19 - 19 6 BOTTLE ROCKETS Blue Sky	Sanctuary
28 28 1 JEN CHAPIN Linger	Hybrid
29 22 21 2 18 RICKIE LEE JONES The Evening Of My Best Da	v2
30 30 1 POSTER CHILDREN No More Songs About	Hidden Agenda
31 31 1 NERISSA AND KATRYNA NIELDS This Town.	Zoë–Rounder
32 20 27 9 12 JOSS STONE The Soul Sessions	S-Curve
33 33 1 SAVATH AND SAVALAS Apropa't	Warp
34 34 1 SAHARA LOUNGE Various Artists	Putumayo
35 - - 35 1 CLOUD CULT Aurora Borealis	Earthology
36 5 5 5 8 HER SPACE HOLIDAY The Young Machines	Mush
37 37 1 TELEFON TEL AVIV Map Of What Is Effortless	Hefty
38 12 3 1 11 SHINS Chutes Too Narrow	Sub Pop
39 35 38 35 4 MO' HORIZONS And The New	Stereo Deluxe
40 - 40 1 ECESARIA EVORA Club Sodade Bluebiro	d–Arista Associated Labels

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ADDS

1	FRAMES Set List (Live In Dublin Nov 2002)	Anti–Epitaph
2	JUNKIE XL Radio JXL – A Broadcast FromThe Computer Hell Cabin	Koch
3	ALL NIGHT RADIO Spirit Stereo Frequency	Sub Pop
4	NORAH JONES Feels Like Home	Blue Note
5	WALKMEN Bows And Arrows	Record Collection

NEW WORLD

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LABE	ARTIST + TITLE	NKS	PK	2W	W	W
Putumayo	SAHARA LOUNGE Various Artists	4	1	2	2	
Kein And Aber	HOT WOMEN: WOMEN SINGERS Various Artists	8	1	1	1	2
Heads Up Internationa	LADYSMITH BLACK Raise Your Spirit Higher	4	3	10	4	
In The Pocket	HAMSA LILA Gathering One	4	3	3	3	
Select Cuts-Rooftop	TRUST. BELIEF. LOVE. RESPECT. Various Artists	4	5	6	5	
Triloka	SAMITE Tunula Eno	10	2	4	8	
Arista Associated Labels	CESARIA EVORA Club Sodade Bluebird-A	2	7	-	20	
	UP 18 POSITIONS					
Blue Thumb	PACO DE LUCIA Cositas Buenas	2	8	-	26	
Sony International	KEVIN JOHANSEN AND THE NADA Sur O No Sur	7	7	11	7	
	#1 DEBUT					
Warp	SAVATH AND SAVALAS Apropa't	1	10	-	-	١
World Village	KILA Luna Park	10	9	14	21	
Rounder	LUCKY DUBE The Other Side	4	11	12	11	
Moll-Selekta	KING TUBBY The Roots Of Dub/Dub From The Roots	9	4	7	10	
Putumayo	FRENCH CAFE Various Artists	11	3	9	12	ı
Real World	DAUDE Neguinha Te Amo	15	3	8	16	5
Compass	KATE RUSBY Underneath The Stars	3	16	23	25	;
World Music Network	THE ROUGH GUIDE TO AFRICAN Various Artists	1	17	-	-	
lammond VP	BERES HAMMOND Can't Stop A Man: The Best Of Beres H	5	6	17	6	
Bluebird	CESARIA EVORA Voz D'Amor	15	1	5	9	
Blood And Fire	TOMMY MCCOOK Blazing Horns/Tenor In Roots	12	1	13	14	
World Village	FESTIVAL IN THE DESERT Various Artists	14	5	-	28	
VP	STRICTLY THE BEST VOL 31 Various Artists	3	19	-	19	
Universal Latino	TERESA GARCIA CATURLA Llego Tete	3	17	22	17	
BMG U.S. Latin	JULIETA VENEGAS Si	4	22	_	22	
Universal Latino	RUBALCABA Soneros De Verdad Presents:	5	24	29	24	5
Rounder	EVERTON BLENDER King Man	14	10	-	29	;
Network	ABYSSINIA INFINITE Zion Roots	2	27	_	R	
Shanachie	SOLAS Another Day	9	10	20	30	3
Lightyear	JULIAN MARLEY A Time And Place	2	29	-	39)
Narada	BABATUNDE OLATUNJI Healing Session	8	18	28	R)
Nettwerk	KINKY Atlas	9	8	15	15	ı
Smithsonian Folkways	ABAYUDAYA: MUSIC FROM Various Artists	10	11	19	36	2
World Music Network	THE ROUGH GUIDE TO MOROCCO Various Artists	1	33	-	-	3
Milan	FAVELA CHIC: POSTONOVE 3 Various Artists	1	34	-	-	ı
Artists Sublime	FOLK AND POP SOUNDS OF SUMATRA: VOL. 1 Various	3	25	27	R	
Greensleeves	VYBZ KARTEL Up 2 Di Time	1	36	-	-	;
Arc	THE PULSE OF BRAZIL Various Artists	2	34	_	R	,
Stereo Deluxe	MO' HORIZONSAnd The New Bohemian Freedom	3	21	21	35	3
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	1 THE ROUGH GUIDE TO MOROCCO Various Artists	World Music Network
	2 THE ROUGH GUIDE TO AFRICAN RAP Various Artists	World Music Network
	3 LATA MANGESHKAR The Rough Guide To Bollywood Legends	World Music Network



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TW	LW	2W	PK	WKS	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	2	5	1	3	DIZZEE RASCAL Boy In Da Corner	XL-Matador
2	3	20	2	3	CHARIZMA AND PEANUT BUTTER WOLF Big Shots	Stones Throw
3	1	1	1	13	JAYLIB Champion Sound	Stones Throw
4	11	_	4	2	IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE Revolutionary Volume 2	Viper
					#1 DEBUT	•
5	_	_	5	1	OPUS Breathing Lessons	Mush
6	16	_	6	2	SOL UPRISING Sol Power	Shaman Work
7	4	4	1	17	OUTKAST Speakerboxxx/The Love Below	Arista
8	6	8	2	15	LYRICS BORN Later That Day	Quannum
9	10	11	6	9	JAY-Z The Black Album	Def Jam-Roc-A-Fella-IDJMG
10	9	2	2	8	J-LIVE Always Will Be	Fat Beats
11	14	10	6	13	SOUL POSITION 8 Million Stories	Rhymesayers—Fatbeats
12	18	13	9	13	NON-PROPHETS Hope	Lex
13	5	7	5	12	PROCUSSIONS As Iron Sharpens Iron	Basementalism
14	7	6	1	18	ATMOSPHERE Seven's Travels	Rhymesayers–Epitaph
15	15	9	9	8	L.A. SYMPHONY The End Is Now	Basement
16	8	3	1	16	AESOP ROCK Bazooka Tooth	Definitive Jux
17	13	_	13	2	DJ SIGNIFY Winter's Going Sampler [12-Inch]	Lex
18	25	24	18	8	KANYE WEST College Dropout	Roc-A-Fella
19	12	32	12	4	CHOPS Virtuosity	Vocab
20	R	34	20	3	ASHERU AND BLUE BLACK (UNSPOKEN HEARD) 48 Months	Seven Heads
					UP 12 POSITIONS	
21	33	26	21	5	RAEKWON The Lex Diamonds Story	Universal
22	22	29	22	6	G-UNIT Beg For Mercy	Shady-Interscope
23	27	14	14	7	FAT BEATS COMPILATION VOLUME 3 Various Artists	Fat Beats
24	20	18	18	5	MICRANOTS "Glorious" b/w "Heat" [12–Inch]	Rhymesayers
25	17	15	15	6	PIGEON JOHN Is Dating Your Sister	Basement
26	23		23	2	DILATED PEOPLES "This Way" [12–Inch]	Capitol
27	29	39	15	9	GROUCH AND ELIGH No More Greener Grasses	Legendary
28	R	38	15	11	BUCK 65 Talkin' Honky Blues	WEA
29	-	-	29	1	PITCH BLACK "It's All Real" [12–Inch]	Universal
30	R	-	19	8	LUDACRIS Chicken And Beer	Def Jam South-IDJMG
31	R	37	19	10	OBIE TRICE Cheers	Shady-Interscope
32	31	27	5	12	VIKTOR VAUGHN Vaudeville Villain	Sound Ink
33	R	-	32	2	ADVENTURE TIME Dreams Of Water Themes	Plug Research
34	R	-	34	2	GHOSTFACE KILLAH "Run" [12–Inch]	Epic
35	40	31	19	7	ALIAS Muted	Anticon
36	R	33	22	3	PETE ROCK Lost And Found: Hip Hop Underground Soul Classics	BBE-Rapster
37	R	21	1	22	MADLIB Shades Of Blue: Madlib Invades Blue Note	Blue Note
38	-	-	38	1	TRIAD Cold Front	Hype
39	-	-	39	1	ORGANIC THOUGHTS The Purest Form	Blaze The World
40	21	19	19	6	PROJECT BLOWED Project Blowed Presents: The Good Brothers Live	Project Blowed

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1 THAVIUS BECK Decomposition	Mush
2 TONY TOUCH The Piece Maker Vol. 2	Koch
3 ORGANIC THOUGHTS The Purest Form	Blaze The World
4 MASS HYSTERIA "It Ain't Safe" b/w "Fall Out" [12–Inch]	Rhymesayers
5 CHARIZMA AND PEANUT BUTTER WOLF Big Shots	Stones Throw

DIGITAL MUSIC PUSHES PAST COMPACT DISCS



n case you weren't already convinced about digital music's manifest destiny to become the musical medium of choice, the consulting firm Forrester Research has released the results of a recent study, concluding that within five years, roughly one-third of all music sales in the United States, and nearly 20 percent in Europe, will come from downloads and streaming music online.

"By 2007 or 2008, CDs

will be something only old people have," Forrester analyst Josh Bernoff told a group of music and technology execs at this year's annual MidemNet conference.

And with consumers rushing online looking for music, you can bet retailers will be soon to

follow, to meet demand. Lots of retailers, actually. One industry official estimated the number of new entrants in the online music field would reach 50 by the end of this year. Indeed, such companies as Coca-Cola and Wal-Mart have already launched music sites in an attempt to reel in the young, early-adopter consumer. But the good news doesn't end there.

"By the end of 2004, half of the businesses that started

will be out of business," Bernoff continued, equating the current rush to sell music online to the late-'90s dot-com boom, "I haven't seen this level of irrational exuberance since the height of the bubble."

In the meantime, veteran rock artists Peter Gabriel and Brian Eno have responded to the dizzving rush online by forming a musicians' alliance that allows artists to completely circumvent record labels by selling their music on the Internet. The Magnificent Union of Digitally Downloading Artists (MUDDA) will allow performers to set their own prices and agendas.

"Unless artists quickly grasp the possibilities that are available to them, then the rules will get written, and they'll get written without much input from artists," said Eno.

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"Dear My Inspiration" (Yep Roc) Off of the band's upcoming re-release of the tour-only album *In Rock*, "Dear My Inspiration" finds Minus 5 leader Scott McCaughey (this time joined by Peter Buck, John Ramberg and Bill Rieflin) singing love letters to his muse over

fuzzed-out surf guitar melodies and chirping organs. Slowly polished into a sunny pop pastiche that's almost comically upbeat, complete with cartoonish guitar and organ solos, this will undoubtedly bring a smile to your face.

R.I.Y.L.: They Might Be Giants, Swag, R.E.M. **Get It Here:** www.yeproc.com/artist_info.php?artistId=201&page=music

CD BABY





TW	LW	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	1	GARY JULES Trading Snakeoil For Wolftickets	Self-Released
2	3	ALEXI MURDOCH Four Songs	Mind Blue
3	2	JUDE	Sarah Self-Released
4	_	E.S. POSTHUMUS Unearthed	Wigshop
5	_	MENOMENA Am The Fun Blame Monster!	Self-Released
6	_	MELISSA FERRICK 70 People At 7000 Feet	Right On
7	7	POWDER Sonic Machine	Goldielocks-Xman
8	_	REBECKAH DEL RIO All My Life	Self-Released
9	10	JACO: PORTAIT OF JACO The Early Years	Holiday Park
10	6	ARI GOLD Space Under Sun	Gold 18
11	13	GARY JULES Greetings From The Side	A&M
12	5	STEPHANIE QUAYLE Turquoise	4MW
13	_	AMOS LEE Amos Lee	Self-Released
14	11	MICHAEL ANDREWS Donnie Darko Soundtrack	Everloving
15	17	RICHIE KOTZEN Acoustic Cuts	Self-Released
16	18	SEAN HAYES Alabama Chicken	Self-Released
17	8	WEEPIES Happiness	Self-Released
18	15	JENNIFER GASOI Songs For You	Self-Released
19	20	DELP AND GOUDREAU Delp And Goudreau	Self-Released
20	-	CELLDWELLER Celldweller	Esion-Position

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TW	LW	ARTIST + TITLE	LABEL
1	4	JOHN VANDERSLICE Cellar Door	Barsuk
2	1	SUN KIL MOON Ghosts Of The Great Highway	Jetset
3	2	SHINS Chutes Too Narrow	Sub Pop
4	3	HER SPACE HOLIDAY The Young Machines	Mush
5	11	AIR Talkie Walkie	Source-Astralwerks
6	6	MOUNTAIN GOATS We Shall Be Healed	4AD-Beggars Group
7	10	STEREOLAB Margerine Eclipse	Elektra
8	5	FLAMING LIPS Ego Tripping At The Gates Of Hell [EP]	Warner Bros.
9	7	DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE Transatlanticism	Barsuk
10	16	MEKONS Punk Rock	Quarterstick
11	-	MICE PARADE Obrigado Saudade	Bubblecore
12	-	SAY HI TO YOUR MOM Numbers And Mumbles	Euphobia
13	18	STEPHIN MERRITT Pieces Of April: Music From The Motion Picture	Nonesuch
14	9	CHESTER COPPERPOT The Kings Of Kirby	PopKid
15	- 1	EXPLOSIONS IN THE SKY The Earth Is Not A Cold	Temporary Residence
16	14	ELBOW Cast Of Thousands	V2
17	17	SEEKONK For Barbara Lee	Kimchee
18	20	BEULAH Yoko	Velocette
19	8	LOT SIX Major Fables	Tarantulas
20	12	STARS Heart	Arts And Crafts

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rugMoney is a band that believes in heavy guitar riffs almost as much as it does hook-heavy tunes. Based out of Ashville, North Carolina, it has offered up its debut album, *Mtn Cty Jnk* (Mountain City Junk) — an infectious rock record that has elements of both mid-'90s alternative rock and modern indie-rock; a sort of Guided By Voices-by-way-of-Nirvana thing. CMJ recently caught up with DrugMoney songwriter and all around good guy Fisher Meehan to ask him a few questions.

Before you started DrugMoney, you played solo for a while. Why did you decide to form a band?

It was just that time. I had been doing the sit-down acoustic guitar thing for so long. I just had an urge to play standing up and to rock out. That was pretty much it.

What was some of the first music that you were into? What's the music that inspired you to make music?

KISS. Definitely. Oh my God! When I was young, they were like the Power Rangers and the world's best rock band, all rolled into one.

How did the band come together?

I got a drummer, I guess about two-and-a-half years ago. We just did the guitar and drum thing for a while. The whole thing kind of evolved from there. The songwriting made me need a bass player. The songs I was writing needed a bass. During the recording of the album, I had

an accident and almost cut two fingers off, so I wasn't playing guitar that well. That's why so much keyboard ended up on the record. I could still play minimal guitar, but my left hand was fine. I played keyboard for the record, then added **Tyler Ramsey** as a keyboard player for the band because I wrote so much keyboard into the songs. I wanted to hear the keyboards live.

Did cutting your fingers change the direction of the record?

Yes, definitely. The primary change was adding so many keyboard parts. I just ended up really wanting to hear those keyboards in a live setting. I didn't feel comfortable playing these songs and not hearing those parts. What's the music scene like in Ashville?

I think it's great here. This place was ripe for the picking when I moved down here a few years ago. There's a band called **Piedmont Charisma** that's just a great band. There's another band called **Dig Shovel Dig** that's wonderful. Everyone is so different. There is no

SPOTLIGHT DRUGMONEY

"Asheville sound." Granted, there are a lot of hippie and jam bands. We live in the mountains, so there's a shitload of hippies around that are into that sort of thing. I don't know them, simply because I don't really socialize with them that much, but they are definitely here.

Wharton Tiers (Sonic Youth, Helmet) produced your album. How did you hook up with him?

It's funny. The record company was asking me to think about engineers and producers and whom I'd like to work with. My favorite producer is Wharton. I asked my manager, Lelsie Aldridge. She said, "I know Wharton! We go way back." The first time I played New York, I played a solo showcase at CBGBs. Wharton came out and saw me play. We talked and hung out and really hit it off. He's a great guy and super nice.

Do you get as much out of being in the studio as playing live?

In a way, yeah. In a very different way, but yeah. I love everything about recording. If I weren't doing the band thing right now, I'd probably be working in a studio somewhere.

How would you describe the DrugMoney live experience?

It's fun. I like the idea of being heavy, but still being fun. That really heavy, negative music that's out now, I just don't understand it. Actually, I guess I do in a way. If you're 15 years old and angry at the world it's pretty easy to like that stuff. That's just not me anymore. I just want to make sure people have fun. And we definitely have fun up there.

"We live in the mountains, so there's a shitload of hippies around. I don't know them, simply because I don't really socialize with them that much, but they are definitely here" - DrugMoney's Fisher Meehan

Are there any touring plans for 2004?

We're doing a handful of dates around a trip we're making to England. When we come back, I hear they're going to put us out on the road for a week at a time. We'll go out for a week and we'll come back home for a week, basically just planting seeds and seeing how college airplay goes for this record. Wherever we get the most airplay, that's where we'll go play on these weeks out on the road. And the thing of going out for a week and coming home for a week is simply to stretch out this tour budget. We don't have a lot of money to play with, but if we do it that way, it'll take us a lot further down the road. They tell us that by late spring or early summer, we'll be getting paired up with bigger bands and going out on longer legs of tours. But who knows whom that'll be with?

- Interview by Brad Filicky

DRAGONS 1976

On Cortez (Locust)

Not a reissue from our bicentennial year, Dragons 1976 is a new Chicago trio featuring drummer Tim Daisy, bassist Jason Ajemian and saxophonist Aram Shelton. Like Daisy's other band, the Vandermark 5, this trio's improvisation is deeply informed by a *noir*-ish sensibility, with dark melodic tones and elliptical solos that are rarely busy. The band's gentle sense of swing creates a nice open scheme, where you can feel the music breathe as one idea unhurriedly moves to the next. It does kick it up a notch (Bam!) on "Humbolt," a static piece that goes the first five minutes without any chord progressions, hovering like a helicopter (thanks to the whirlwind drumming of Daisy), before a tension-releasing groove comes on for the swinging coda attached to the end. A pretty-sounding avant-garde trio that's perfect for late-night listening, particularly if you have company.

R.I.Y.L.: Vandermark 5, Chicago Underground, Tim Berne

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PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

Even though the Preservation Hall Jazz Band has *only* been around since 1961, the band conjures up



music hatched in New Orleans brothels 60 years earlier, when Buddy Bolden reigned supreme and Louis Armstrong had yet to pick up the trumpet. It's the kind of classic New Orleans Jazz with a heavy dose of horns and secondline rhythms that pushes the floats along during Mardi Gras. Now led by Benjamin Jaffe, the son of the band's longtime artistic director and hall-owner, changes are afoot for the legendary institution.

The new Preservation Hall Recordings label has issued its first three albums: *Shake That Thing* features 21 of the group's current players tackling classics and standards, witnessed throughout its entire range of material. *Preservation Hall Hot 4 With Duke Dejan* is a smaller affair, where the brass section is limited to Wendell Brunious's brilliant

trumpet playing. Things are more in the early-swing vein here, too (bass, piano and guitar rhythm section), with the legendary **Duke Dejan** singing. Perhaps best cap-

turing the frenetic party of this music, however, *Best Of The Early Years* features four different lineups' performances, recorded between 1964–77.

The sound quality of these recordings is outstanding, and the packaging is extraordi-

nary as well, with beautiful photos, cardboard CD cases and touching liner notes. These releases will certainly excite longtime fans and educate the curious.

IAJE WRAP-UP

There were countless official highlights (gigs, panels, meetings, etc.) from this year's IAJE (International Association for Jazz Education) Convention. The real stars of the week, though, were not the Jazz musicians, but the industry and radio people who came in for the shindig. As we all conduct more and more interaction through email and on the phone, it was fantastic to spend some face time with people, arguing music, gossiping, exchanging CDs and basically just hanging out. See everyone next year.

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1	2	9	1	3	JOEL FRAHM WITH BRAD MEHLDAU Don't Explain	Palmetto
2	12	_	2	2	DAVE DOUGLAS Strange Liberation	Bluebird
3	1	1	1	7	JAMES CARTER Gardenias For Lady Day	Columbia
4	8	5	4	5	RUSSELL GUNN Mood Swings	High Note
5	4	7	4	5	TOM HARRELL Wise Children	Bluebird
6	19	_	6	2	CHICAGO UNDERGROUND TRIO Slon	Thrill Jockey
7	5	2	1	14	CASSANDRA WILSON Glamoured	Blue Note
8	3	4	3	8	UNTINTED: SOURCES FOR MADLIB'S Various Artists	Blue Note
9	10	14	9	5	HORACE SILVER Rockin' With Rachmaninoff	Bop City
10	15	19	10	6	JOSH ROSEMAN UNIT Treats For The	Justin Time–Enja
11	7	8	2	11	MALACHI THOMPSON Blue Jazz	Delmark
12	20	_	6	11	ANDREW HILL Passing Ships	Blue Note
13	6	3	2	14	SEX MOB Dime Grind Palace	Ropeadope
14	14	21	2	14	EITHER/ORCHESTRA Neo-Modernism	Accurate
15	18	17	11	9	JOHN HICKS Fatha's Day: An Earl Hines Songbook	High Note
16	13	11	4	13	ABBEY LINCOLN It's Me	Verve
17	29	_	17	2	MIKE STERN These Times	Sunnyside-ESC
					UP 16 POSITIONS	
18	34	22	16	4	ERNESTINE ANDERSON Love Makes The Changes	High Note
					#1 DEBUT	
19	_	_	19	1	ANTHONY BROWN'S ASIAN AMERICAN Monk's Moo	ods Water Baby
20	27	_	20	2	DAN CRAY TRIO No One	Blujazz
21	26	15	13	8	LIBERTY ELLMAN Tactiles	Pi
22	_	-	22	1	JAMES MOODY Homage	Savoy Jazz
23	17	25	17	6	BABATUNDE LEA Level Of Intent	Motema
24	21	23	16	6	ACTIVE INGREDIENTS Titration	Delmark
25	9	6	6	10	FRED ANDERSON Back At The Velvet Lounge	Delmark
26	R	37	26	2	CHICAGO JAZZ Various Artists	Delmark
27	11	24	11	3	CHRIS MCGREGOR'S BROTHERHOOD Bremen To	Cuneiform
28	16	10	6	10	HOUSTON PERSON Social Call	High Note
29	-	-	29	1	HILMAR JENSSON Ditty Blei	Songlines
30	31	30	30	4	CHICAGO'S AVANT TODAY Various Artists	Delmark
31	40	_	31	2	JAKI BYARD The Last From Lennie's	Prestige
32	-	-	32	1	JEFF BRADSHAW Bone Deep	Hidden Beach
33	25	29	25	3	CLAUDIA QUINTET I, Claudia	Cuneiform
34	_	_	34	1	LARRY CARLTON Sapphire Blue	Bluebird
	35	27	8	9	GREAT JAZZ TRIO Autumn Leaves	441
36	-	-	36	1	YORON ISRAEL & ORGANIC Basic Traneing	Ronja
37		-	37	2	AMPLE SAMPLER Various Artists	Warner Bros.
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39	R	-	29	5	JOHN MCLAUGHLIN Thieves And Poets	Verve
40	30	16	6	13	DAVID S. WARE STRING ENSEMBLE Threads	Thirsty Ear

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1	RAY VEGA Squeeze Squeeze	Palmetto
2	CHICAGO UNDERGROUND TRIO Slon	Thrill Jockey
3	DAVE DOUGLAS Strange Liberation	Bluebird
4	TIERNEY SUTTON Dancing In The Dark	Telarc
5	LIBBY YORK Sunday In New York	Blujazz

BLINDSIDE

About A Burning Fire (Elektra-EEG)

Blindside has followed up its last album, Silence, with About A Burning Fire — and the two discs are about as alike as polkadots and stripes. Fire presents a new, artier Blindside, where moments of tension, urgency and blazing sonic flames are interlaced with softer passages and ethereal elements, such as lush female vocals. But that doesn't mean that these Swedes, who got their start on Tooth And Nail, have lost the heavy quotient; nor have they gotten all kinds of pretentious. Not convinced? Just play the record and let "Follow You Down," the title track and "Swallow" kick your unsuspecting ass into submission. About A Burning Fire straddles the line between blustery hard rock and pretty rock 'n' roll with ease with songs like "Shekina," "All Of Us" and "Hooray, It's L.A." — the last of which features alt-icon Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins fame on guitar. Ultimately, this is a disc that operates dynamically, making each and every song an interesting journey. And, best of all, About A Burning Fire doesn't sound like everything else out there in the often over-crowded hard rock world of today.

R.I.Y.L.: Refused, Thrice, Deftones

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Metal Blade		3	6	29	14	;
	GOREROTTED Only Tools And Corpses	3	7	10	7	,
Century Media Atlantic	STAMPIN' GROUND A New Darkness Upon Us APARTMENT 26 Music For The Massive	6	8	16	16	
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Southern Lord	PROBOT Probot	1	13	-	-	3
Trustkill	MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD Our Lady Of Annihilation	8	5	7	6	4
Thorp EastWest	MADBALL NYHC [EP]	2	13	-	13 9	5 6
	DREAM THEATER Train Of Thought REMEMBERING NEVER Women And Children Die Fir	8	4	8	y	T
st Ferret Stillborn–Universal		1	17	_	-	7
	HATEBREED The Rise Of Brutality CONTAMINATED VI Various Artists	13	1	6	11	8
Relapse		2	19	_	- 17	9
Lifeforce	HEROD For Whom The Gods Would Destroy		17 21	_	17	0
Century Media	TIAMAT Prey KORN Take A Look In The Mirror	1			-	1
Immortal-Epic	YNGWIE J. MALMSTEEN'S Attack!!	6	11	11	12	2
Red Ink–Epic Metal Blade	THE CROWN Possessed 13	3	15 2	15	18	23
Nuclear Blast	DIMMU BORGIR Death Cult Armageddon	14	1	9	19	4
	•	19		23	34	5
Hellcat Metal Blade	HORRORPOPS Hell Yeah SYMPHORCE Twice Second	2	26 24	_	-	6
	MOONSPELL The Antidote			-	24	27
Century Media		12	12	20	26	28
Prosthetic ic For Nations–Koch	HIMSA Courting Tragedy and Disaster ANATHEMA A Natural Disaster Mus	11	15	28	21	29
		1	30	-	_	0
Roadrunner-IDJMG	DEVILORIVER Devildriver	11	1	12	25	1
Elektra	BLINDSIDE Drops Of Fire [EP]	3	29	32	29	2
J	SOIL EP	9	13	19	20	3
The End	IMPALED NAZARENE All That You Fear	1	34	-	-	4
Liquor And Poker	HANOI ROCKS Twelve Shots On The Rocks	1	35	-	-	5
Metal Blade	CANNIBAL CORPSE The Wretched Spawn [EP]	1	36	-	-	6
Victory	ALL OUT WAR Condemned To Suffer	12	16	-		37
Nuclear Blast	HAMMERFALL One Crimson Night	11	8	-	30	38
	FUNERAL FOR A FRIEND Seven Ways To Scream You	9	16	21	27	39
Century Media	INTO ETERNITY Buried In Oblivion	1	40	-	-	10

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God Forbid



Mastodon



Damage Plan



Premonitions Of War



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1	1	7	1	4	249	241	8	GOD FORBID Better Days [EP]	Century Media
2	2	2	2	8	225	235	-10	MASTODON March Of The Fire Ants [EP]	Relapse
3	9	9	3	6	212	172	40	DAMAGEPLAN Devastation Sampler	Elektra
4	11	26	4	3	210	160	50	PREMONITIONS OF WAR Left In Kowloon	Victory
5	6	15	5	4	201	192	9	ICED EARTH The Glorious Burden	Hunter-SPV
6	4	4	4	8	195	208	-13	MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD Our Lady Of Annihilation	Trustkill
7	3	3	1	13	185	210	-25	HATEBREED The Rise Of Brutality	Stillborn-Universal
8	5	1	1	15	180	201	-21	BETWEEN THE BURIED AND ME The Silent Circus	Victory
9	8	5	2	12	177	180	-3	DEVILDRIVER Devildriver	Roadrunner-IDJMG
10	14	20	10	5	176	146	30	BLINDSIDE Drops Of Fire [EP]	Elektra
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11	_	_	11	1	166	_	D	PROBOT Probot	Southern Lord
12	10	10	8	7	157	165	-8	DREAM THEATER Train Of Thought	EastWest
13	21	24	13	6	154			APARTMENT 26 Music For The Massive	Atlantic
14	17	28	14	3	151	136	15	STAMPIN' GROUND A New Darkness Upon Us	Century Media
15	16	_	15	2	142	142	0	MADBALL NYHC [EP]	Thorp
								UP 25 POSITIONS	
16	41	_	16	2	134	59	75	RED TAPE Radioactivist	Roadrunner-IDJMG
17	7	8	1	13	131	181	-50	THE CROWN Possessed 13	Metal Blade
18	12	13	12	10	129		-25	SOIL EP	J
19	18	11	5	11	128	136	-8	HIMSA Courting Tragedy and Disaster	Prosthetic
20	13	6	6	8	127	152	-25	KORN Take A Look In The Mirror	Immortal-Epic
21	19	21	9	16	115	127	-12	ILL NINO Confession	Roadrunner-IDJMG
22	26	12	7	13	102	106	-4	40 BELOW SUMMER The Mourning After	Razor And Tie
23	_	_	23	1	101	_	D	REMEMBERING NEVER Women And Children Die First	Ferret
24	28	_	24	2	100	91	9	THE END Within Dividia	Relapse
25	27	19	17	8	96	105	_9	VADER Blood/Reign Forever World	Metal Blade
26	22	22	5	17	95	113	-18	MUSHROOMHEAD XIII	Universal
27	20	17	13	10	90	122	-32	CANNAE Horror	Prosthetic
28	_	_	28	1	88	-	D	TIAMAT Prey	Century Media
29	40	_	29	2	86	60	26	HEROD For Whom The Gods Would Destroy	Lifeforce
30	29	23	11	13	85	88	-3	KING DIAMOND The Puppet Master	Metal Blade
31	36	33	2	18	81	67	14	DIMMU BORGIR Death Cult Armageddon	Nuclear Blast
32	32	_	32	2	80	74	6	DIRTY RIG Blood, Sweat And Beer	Music Cartel
33	25	16	17	12	78	109	-31	MOONSPELL The Antidote	Century Media
34	_	_	35	1	72	_	D	PRONG Scorpio Rising	Locomotive
35	24	27	9	19	72	109	-37	AVENGED SEVENFOLD Waking The Fallen	Hopeless
36	30	30	2	22	71	81	-10	STATIC-X Shadow Zone	Warner Bros.
37	15	18	14	10	71	146	-75	TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE Soundtrack	Nitrous
38	_	_	38	1	68	-	D	GOREROTTED Only Tools And Corpses	Metal Blade
39	43	_	40	2	63	56	7	YNGWIE J. MALMSTEEN'S RISING FORCE Attack!!	Red Ink–Epic
40	R	34	7	18	63	-	-12	FROM AUTUMN TO ASHES The Fiction We Live	Vagrant

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FELIX AND LAVELLE HEAT THINGS UP

n a winter that has been colder and more downright evil than the CMJ Loud Rock section, we're looking for any way possible to heat things up. CMJ finally thawed out (at least temporarily) when we cranked preview copies of records from two very popular artists:

Felix Da Housecat, who returns with Devin Dazzle And The Neon Fever, and James Lavelle, offering his second mix for Global Underground, Romania.

In 2002, Felix led the synth revival, and introduced the world to Miss Kittin with his already classic *Kittenz And Thee Glitz* record. One of the most creative producers on the planet, for *DD*, the artist recruited an all-girl group (the Neon Fever) and DFA's James Murphy to create a record

that's exceedingly more punk rock (complete with loads of catchy sing-a-longs, crunching guitars and drum machines) than anything he's ever done before. Don't worry, though. There are still a few tracks that sound like a cross between the themes of Queer Eye For The Straight Guy, Flash Gordon and Tron. We don't want to tease you anymore than we already have, and since you'll have to wait until May to hear this record, we won't tempt you with much more. However, we will reveal the track listing for you: "Intro," "Rocket Ride," "What She Wants," "Short Skirts," "Ready 2 Wear," "Romantique," "Everyone Is Someone In L.A.," "She's So Damn Cool," "Let Your Mind Be Your Bed," "Watching Cars Go By," "Hunting Season," "Nightlife Funworld," "Nina," "Devin Dazzle Theme" and "Neon Human."

James Lavelle is seemingly the

perfect DJ and producer to represent the underground. The man made a name for himself with his influential Mo' Wax label, as one half of UNKLE, and with DJ sets filled with a combination of eclectic musical styles, samples and exclusive remixes. With all of this cool stuff wrapped up in one



Felix Da Housecat

person, fans went wild when it was first announced that Lavelle was going to mix Barcelona, his first entry into the popular Global Underground series. While the CD was heavy on the breaks and did have some gems, though, it just didn't bang in the way that we knew it could have. However, Romania, Lavelle's second mix for GU, is exactly what we wanted, and much more. Heavy on a wealth of brand new and exclusive material, this CD includes UNKLE's remix of Queens Of The Stone Age's "No One Knows," Sasha's remix of UNKLE's "In A State," South's "Colours In Waves (UNKLE Recontruction)," DI Shadow's "GDMFSB (UNKLE Mix)" and loads more from artists like Plastikman, Meat Katie and the Chemical Brothers. You will not want to miss this one when it drops March.

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1	1	6	1	4	CRYSTAL METHOD Legion Of Boom
2	2	22	2	3	REWIND 3 Various Artists Ubiqui
3	11	-	3	2	TELEFON TEL AVIV Map Of What Is Effortless Hef
4	13	34	4	3	AIR Talkie Walkie Source-Astralwerk
5	9	10	5	5	MATTHEW DEAR Leave Luck Spectral–Ghostly Internation
6	10	29	6	3	KID606 Kill Sound Before Sound Kills You Ipeca
7	3	1	1	6	B00Z00 BAJOU REMIXES Various Artists Stereo Delux
					UP 27 POSITIONS
8	35	-	8	2	VOODOO CHILD Baby Monkey
9	8	8	8	9	CHICKEN LIPS DJ Kicks !N
10	7	7	6	6	MO' HORIZONSAnd The New Bohemian Stereo Delux
11	4	2	1	8	MOBY 18 B–Sides + DVD
12	6	3	1	9	UNDERWORLD Anthology 1992–2002
13	14	20	13	3	OCTAVIUS Audio Noir Mus
14	5	4	1	12	BASEMENT JAXX Kish Kash Astralwerk
15	28	-	15	2	DANI SICILIANO Likes
16	12	11	4	9	PLAID Spokes War
					#1 DEBUT
17	_	_	17	1	LOUIE VEGA Elements Of Life Veg
18	31	-	18	2	MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO In Dub Ru
19	19	14	5	14	KID KOALA Some Of My Best Friends Are DJs Ninja Tur
20	40	_	20	2	CESARIA EVORA Club Sodade Bluebird-Arista Associated Labe
21	22	_	21	2	FRONT LINE ASSEMBLY Civilization Metropol
22	17	13	13	6	KARMINSKY EXPERIENCE INC. The Power Of Suggestion
23	16	5	5	8	BLU MAR TEN Six Million Names Of God Exception
24	_	_	24	1	PLEJ Electronic Music From The Swedish Leftcoast Exception
25	15	9	3	12	PLASTIKMAN Closer Mur
26	36	_	26	2	J MAJIK Fabriclive 13
27	23	24	23	3	NOTWIST Different Cars And Trains Domin
28	20	15	2	11	LUKE VIBERT Yoseph Wai
29	25	26	3	17	MATMOS Civil War Matade
30	_	_	30	1	SUPERLONGEVITY 3 Various Artists Perlo
31	_	_	31	1	LCD SOUNDSYSTEM Yeah (Stupid Version) / Yeah [CD5] DF
32	39	18	7	10	LITHIUM PROJECT Many Worlds Theory Hydrogen Dukebo
33	_	_	33	1	A TOUCH OF CLASS A Touch Of Class Sucks! A Touch Of Class
34	18	16	11	6	DAEDELUS Rethinking The Weather Mus
35	_	_	35	1	DELIA GONZALEZ/GAVIN RUSSOM El Monte / Rise DF
36	32	30		9	MIDWEST PRODUCT World Series Of Love Ghostly Internation
37	26	İ	26	3	KI MUSIC Various Artists
38	_	_	38	1	SAVATH AND SAVALAS Apropa't Wai
39			39	1	INTERBREEDING II Various Artists BLC Production
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1	VIKTER DUPLAIX Singles: Prelude To The Future	!K7
2	JUNKIE XL Radio JXL – A Broadcast FromThe Computer Hell Cabin	Koch
3	THAVIUS BECK Decomposition	Mush
4	PLEJ Electronic Music From The Swedish Leftcoast	Exceptional
5	CESARIA EVORA Club Sodade Bluebird-Arista As	ssociated Labels



HART OF THE MATTER

here are stores whose disappearance from the scene cannot be characterized as just another casualty of the riptide. Although traditional retail has seen a bit of an upswing lately, the closing of Manifest Discs And Tapes reminds us that our times are still known as much for their ebb as for their flow. The pulling of Carl Singmaster's stores from the artist-development echo system has an effect that new stores, chains or ownership, cannot immediately overcome. Carl's own influence on the independent retail community was almost incalculably diffusive. Those who have spent years working with and learning from him will tell you:

RICK GALUSHA, president, Homers Music And Gifts (CIMS)

With a well-worn fedora cockeyed on his head, wide grin, worn T-shirt and a pint of ale in his paw, Carl Singmaster was the manifestation of independent retail.

I first met Carl when Homer's was allowed to petition joining the CIMS organization. Little did I know that the "test" for induction would be determined by who was the last man standing at the public footrail. I can't remember who won that drinking bout but I do remember feeling a sense of brotherhood with Carl afterwards.

What I can remember is a few times when, in the midst of a NARM meeting with one label or another, from the back of the room we'd hear, "Wait on a minute there" and Carl would proceed to correct some EVP or president on a point they'd just spent 15 minutes making. The first time it happened I looked at John Timmons from ear X-tacy who said, matter-of-factly, "It must be Carl's turn."

To everyone's amazement, Mr. Singmaster lived up to his Scottish roots by knowing how and where each penny turned. Many a time Carl would fine-tune a discussion by informing us on the finer points of accounting and quickly getting to the point, "You can't make money doing *that!*" End of discussion. A gauntlet of common-sense in an industry that makes no sense.

No matter where we'd meet (Austin, San Diego, San Antonio, Denver, Orlando, etc.), Carl'd already been there and knew exactly where the local microbrewery was. I learned very quickly Carl's passions ran deep. He's the only person I've ever seen Don VanCleave defer to during a debate

The last time I saw Carl was in New York City at a CIMS event. I never took him serious when he repeatedly offered to give us his stores. Who would have thought such a thing? It's tough to have a front row seat in a changing industry but I take it as a signpost of the future when a good businessman, a man in control of his fate like Singmaster, chooses to jump off the music industry wagon rather than riding along. There's a rumor that Carl is leaving the music industry to get into politics, thus raising the intelligence of both industries. Okay it's a bad joke, but if I don't

laugh right now, I'd have to cry. Much love and best wishes to a friend and an industry leader.

ADAM ABRAMSON, senior director of sales, Atlantic Records

What do Motörhead, beer, business acumen, fedoras and Hootie And The Blowfish have in common? If you are reading this, you know the answer. I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Carl Singmaster and Manifest Discs for 10 years. As easy as it is to praise him for his analytical side and sharper-than-knives instinct, I'd like to publicly acknowledge Carl's passion for music, friendly demeanor and overall nice guy-ness. Carl, on behalf of Atlantic, Lava and Nonesuch Records, we will surely miss working with you and your kick-ass record stores (where your record bins were damn-near intuitive, as they always seemed to know what I wanted/needed to buy). Rock on, Singmaster...



Carl Singmaster... the man, the myth, the fedora.

DON VANCLEAVE, president, Coalition of Independent Music Stores (CIMS)

I knew Carl Singmaster before we got CIMS together because we had common sales reps and had started our stores around the same time. I would see Carl at regional meetings and wondered if his reputation as a hard-nosed business guy was real.

In May of 1995, I ended up in a San Francisco meeting with tons of other indie retailers who were feeling left out of the system. Carl was there and was very vocal about our positions. It was my first time to really hear the computers clacking and the knifelike precision of his delivery. Intimidated? Yeah, somewhat. So, we started CIMS and I ended up working on really trying to get it off the ground. I relied on phone conversations with Carl (and others) to develop not only the structure, but the method of business we were to pursue. A method where independent principles and customer attention always won out over money. I also knew that any money handling had to pass the Singmaster standard. So, we just designed it in a way that he could always be happy.

Below all of the intimidating intelligence is one amazingly great human being. I once went with Carl to England to see Radiohead. We suggested we do a pub tour. Being a dumbass, I was like, "OK." So, for about five days, we did 10 pubs a day, interrupted only by visits to great curry shops. The night was always topped off with street fish and chips. No matter how wasted I was, Carl knew where the next highly rated pub was. I finally figured out that his rule of eight ounces of water between pints of handdrawn was keeping him on his game. Valuable lesson. During those drunken nights in England, we both gave each other our life story and our philosophies. Amazing times.

We are going to miss Carl and Manifest. They were very valuable partners because you could rely on them to do what they said they would do. They did not mess around. But, we have an open invitation to Carl to come to any music event we are with. He is just not allowed to disappear... Oh, Carl, bring the smart-assed mouth when you come.

MARK COPE, editor/marketing director, StreetPulse

I've known Carl Singmaster for many years and we have certainly had our ups and downs during those times. But, I always knew that if I needed to count on someone, Carl would be there for me. By closing his beloved Manifest stores, he has left us with a big hole to fill: the legacy of a man with his convictions, who sticks by his ethics, is a great businessman, is a voice and a leader for the independent retail community and one who still loves music. For 20 years, he has been at the forefront, fighting the neverending "Battle of Independence." He was there when CIMS was born and has been an integral part of that coalition's development. Carl is also a dying breed in the music biz. He's a character with his hat, microbrewed beer and an intense love for the business and the music he has dedicated so much of his time and energy to. One night Carl, [Music Millennium's] Terry Currier and myself went to see Peter Green. We knew he wasn't the player he once was, but we still had to see him. Carl, you will always be "The Green Manalishi (With The Two-Pronged Crown)," my friend and I will miss you.

[Ed. note: No, Carl is not dead...]

BREAKOUT 10 Albums To Watch



Kamikaze Atlantic (83598)



Talkie Walkie Source (96632)



Margerine Eclipse Elektra (62926)



Delirium Cordia



Join The Dots... Rhino (78043)

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1	_	TWISTA Kamikaze (83598)	Atlantic
2	_	AIR Talkie Walkie (96632)	Source-Astralwerks
3	1	OUTKAST Speakerboxxx/The Love Below (50133)	Arista
4		STEREOLAB Margerine Eclipse (62926)	Elektra
5		FANTOMAS Delirium Cordia (45)	Ipecac
6	3	JAY-Z The Black Album (152801)	Def Jam-Roc-A-Fella-IDJMG
7	4	DARKNESS Permission To Land (60817)	Atlantic
8		THE CURE Join The Dots: B–sides And Rarities, 1978–2001 (78043)	Rhino-Elektra
9	6	JET Get Born (62892)	Elektra
10	2	ANI DIFRANCO Educated Guess (34)	Righteous Babe
11	5	NO DOUBT The Singles 1992–2003 (149502)	Interscope
12	8	ALICIA KEYS Diary Of Alicia Keys (55712)	J
13		ELBOW Cast Of Thousands (27189)	V2
14	14	JUVENILE Juve the Great (171802)	Cash Money
15	7	EVANESCENCE Fallen (13063)	Wind-Up
16	9	SHERYL CROW Very Best Of Sheryl Crow (152102)	A&M
17	11	G-UNIT Beg For Mercy (159402)	Shady-Interscope
18	23	MAROON5 Songs About Jane (50001)	Octone
19	19	LUDACRIS Chicken And Beer (132436)	Def Jam South-IDJMG
20	13	SARAH MCLACHLAN Afterglow (50150)	Arista
21	15	SHINS Chutes Too Narrow (625)	Sub Pop
22	12	CRYSTAL METHOD Legion Of Boom (27176)	V2
23	17	NICKELBACK The Long Road (618390)	Roadrunner-IDJMG
24	42	RUBEN STUDDARD Soulful (54639)	J
25	22	BRITNEY SPEARS In The Zone (53748)	Jive
26	10	DIZZEE RASCAL Boy In Da Comer (10600)	XL-Matador
27		STARSAILOR Silence Is Easy (90007)	Capitol
28	16	DIDO Life For Rent (50137)	Arista
29	18	POSTAL SERVICE Give Up (595)	Sub Pop
30	30	WESTSIDE CONNECTION Terrorist Threats (24030)	Capitol
31	20	THRILLS So Much For The City (584968)	Virgin
32	26	BLINK 182 Blink 182 (133612)	Geffen
33	41	CHINGY Jackpot (81827)	Capitol
34	25	COLDPLAY A Rush Of Blood To The Head (40504)	Capitol
35	21	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS Greatest Hits (48545)	Warner Bros.
36	34	GRAMMY NOMINEES 2004 Various Artists (58022)	BMG
37	_	MINDY SMITH One Moment More (79736)	Vanguard
38	33	MEMPHIS BLEEK M.A.D.E. (32202)	Roc-A-Fella
39	32	WHITE STRIPES Elephant (27148)	Third Man–V2
40	27	JACK JOHNSON On And On (075012)	Moonshine Conspiracy-Universal
41	31	JESSICA SIMPSON In This Skin (86560)	Sony Music
42	28	KELIS Tasty (52132)	Star Trak
43	57	AVANT Private Room (156712)	Geffen
44	_	FLATLANDERS Wheels Of Fortune (6049)	New West
45	35	AMEL LARRIEUX Bravebird (1)	Bliss Life
46	_	FIRED UP Various Artists (89077)	Razor And Tie
47	36	LINKIN PARK Meteora (48186)	Warner Bros.
48	53	JOSS STONE The Soul Sessions (42234)	S-Curve
49	R	LOST IN TRANSLATION SOUNDTRACK (7068)	Emperor Norton
50	80	YING YANG TWINS Me And My Brother (2480)	TVT

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Barsuk	DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE Transatlanticism (32)	38	51
Ultra	ULTRA TRANCE:3 Various Artists (1180)	_	52
Columbia	BEYONCE Dangerously In Love (86386)	40	53
Or Music	LOS LONELY BOYS Los Lonely Boys (80305)	63	54
Columbia	OFFSPRING Splinter (89026)	52	55
Jive	TOO SHORT Married To The Game (53722)	96	56
RCA	STROKES Room On Fire (55497)	29	57
Interscope	TUPAC RESURRECTION Soundtrack (153302)	48	58
A&M	STING Sacred Love (001141)	R	59
Universal	DAVID BANNER MTA2: Baptized in Dirty Water (172002)	45	60
Elektra	10,000 MANIACS Campfire Songs: The Popular, Obscure And Unknown Recordings (73900)	_	61
Interscope-Epic	AUDIOSLAVE Audioslave (86968)	39	62
Gold Standard Laboratories	MARS VOLTA Live (61553)	37	63
Blue Note	NORAH JONES Come Away With Me (32088)	60	64
Island	HOOBASTANK Reason (148802)	49	65
Ferret	REMEMBERING NEVER Women And Children Die First (42)	-	66
Jive	JOE And Then (53707)	76	67
Def Jam	MUSIQ. Soulstar (161636)	R	68
Arista	ANTHONY HAMILTON Comin' From Where I'm From (52107)	R	69
Damien Rice Music	DAMIEN RICE 0 (48507)	46	70
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Lost Highway	RYAN ADAMS Rock N Roll (137602)	50	
Warner Bros.	JOSH GROBAN Closer (48606)	43	72
Shady-Aftermath-Interscope	50 CENT Get Rich Or Die Tryin' (493544)	65	73
Victory	BAYSIDE Sirens And Condolences (211)	-	74
DMZ	COLD MOUNTAIN Soundtrack (86843)	79	75
Atlantic	T.I. Trap Muzik (83650)	R	76
Milan	MEXICO AND MARIACHIS Various Artists (36043)	-	77
TVT	LIL JON AND THE EAST SIDE BOYZ Kings Of Crunk (2370)	92	78
A&M	BLACK EYED PEAS Elephunk (000699)	68	79
Blue Note	AL GREEN I Can't Stop (93556)	54	80
Yep Roc	SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS Mojo Box (2063)	_	81
Warp	SAVATH AND SAVALAS Apropa't (115)	-	82
Capitol-EMI	BEATLES Let It Be Naked (95713)	44	83
Universal-Republic	3 DOORS DOWN Away From The Sun (066165)	66	84
DreamWorks Nashville	TOBY KEITH Shock'n Y'all (450435)	69	85
Capitol	COLDPLAY Live 2003 (99014)	64	86
Virgin	DAFT PUNK Daft Club	_	87
Maverick	STORY OF THE YEAR Page Avenue (48438)	51	88
Cash Money	BIG TYMERS Big Money Heavyweights (081502)	71	89
Geffen	COUNTING CROWS Films About Ghosts: The Best Of (167612)	59	90
Rhino	ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN Ocean Rain (61165)	_	91
Rough Trade-Sanctuary	BELLE AND SEBASTIAN Dear Catastrophe Waitress (83216)	58	92
Immortal-Epic	KORN Take A Look In The Mirror (90335)	55	93
Jive	R. KELLY The R. In R&B Collection Volume 1 (53706)	R	94
Sanctuary	KINKS Ultimate Collection (90109)	67	95
Warner	SEAL Seal IV (47947)	R	96
A&M	JONNY LANG Long Time Coming (001145)	75	97
TVT	LIL JON AND THE EAST SIDE BOYZ Part II (2378)	100	98
		R	99
Interscope	YEAH YEAH YEAHS Fever To Tell (450980)		

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BREAKOUT 10 Albums To Watch



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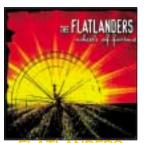
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Silence Is Easy Capitol (90007)



One Moment More Vanguard (79736)



Wheels Of Fortune New West (6049)



UNDER THE RADAR

This week in Under The Radar we want to draw special attention to those albums that are either making important moves on CMJ Retail charts or are just about to. We'll also throw in a few reasons on the what, why and how things are beginning to pop.

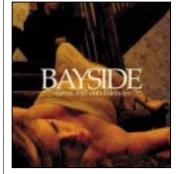


REMEMBERING NEVER

Women And Children Die First (Ferret) Catalog No. 42

Following up 2002's She Looks So Good In Red, Remembering Never's new release is timely enough to greet the scene that has just caught up with this Florida emocore band. Screaming and/or crying at No. 66*; No. 1* at both Sounds Like... (Riverside, CA) and Threshold (Tinley Park, IL). Top 10s: Graywhale (SLC), Bionic (Cypress, CA), Looney Tunes (West Babylon, NY), Angelo's (Littleton, CO), more.

Current Top 100 Chart Position: 66*



BAYSIDE

Sirens And Condolences (Victory) Catalog No. 211

Having graduated with the cast of *Saved By The Bell*, Bayside play Warped Tour-friendly emopunk, mixing the best of Smoking Popes and Jawbreaker, landing at No. **74***. No. **1*** at Looney Tunes (West Babylon, NY). Top 10s: Bionic (Huntington Beach, CA), Appleton Imports (Appleton, WI) and Threshold (Tinley Park, IL). Top 30s: Rock-A-Billy's (Utica, MI), Park Avenue (Winter Park, FL) and Record Time (Roseville)

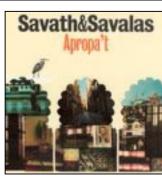
Current Top 100 Chart Position: 74*



SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS

Mojo Box (Yep Roc) Catalog No. 2063

Having cooked up refried rock chitlins and collard greens for a little under two decades, Chapel Hill's resident rockabilly-via-Mojo-Nixon retro outfit's newest disc is at a finger-lickin' No. 81*. Top 10s: CD Central (Lexington), ear X-tacy (Louisville, KY), Plan 9 (Richmond), Schoolkids (Cary, NC) and Record Exchange (Greensboro, NC). Top 30s: Atomic (Milwaukee), Criminal (Atlanta), Electric Fetus (Minneapolis), New World (Buffalo, NY), more. Current Top 100 Chart Position: 81*



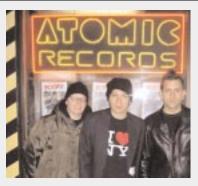
SAVATH AND SAVALAS

Apropa't (Warp) Catalog No. 115

Dropping some Spanish flava on the electro-postpunk revival, sensitive IDMers Savath And Savalas (a.k.a. Prefuse 73's Scott Herren), angularly blip at No. 82*. Many strong debuts, with Top 10s at Amoeba (Hollywood), Luna (Indianapolis), Let It Be (Minneapolis), Mod Lang (Berkeley) and more. Top 30s: Vintage Vinyl (St. Louis), Easy Street (Seattle), Albums On The Hill (Boulder, CO), Sonic Boom (Seattle), more.

Current Top 100 Chart Position: 82*

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Veteran once-religious-now-secular poppunkers MXPX (left) stopped by Milwaukee, Wisconsin's Atomic Records for a 45-minute acoustic set in support of their latest, *Before Everything And After*. "It was two degrees outside," owner **Rich Menning** says, "but it was very warm on the inside."

About 100 "well-behaved" kids showed, one of which got to sing and play guitar on a number! So how did this help Atomic's energy? "When we do these in-stores, we close up the store to prepare," Rich says, "so it kind of kills business... But we don't care!"

EAST ALLEY RECORDS GOES SOUTH

After three-and-a-half years of business, the alley cats at Rochester, Michigan's East Alley Records are cashing in their last lives and packing their bags. The store plans to leave its current space by February 21, so East Alley has been throwing \$2-off extravaganzas ("Don't try to barter with me too much," jokes owner Bill Paskins. "Remember, I'm closing my store, so I won't be afraid to tell you to hit the bricks and don't come back") with more bargains on the way.

Says Paskins of East Alley: "I have worked tirelessly... to get [East Alley] to the point where it is today. Today, we are one of the most respected record stores in the region. We have customers that drive from as far away as Ann Arbor and Toledo to shop here... Throughout our journey, I feel like we have touched the lives of many people. Music has a major impact on a person and it makes me very proud to know that I was able to have an effect on so many people."

East Alley had more increased sales last year than any other year in their history—so why close? Well besides the usual loss-leader/mass-merchant/downloading jive, Paskins says that he has the opportunity to start an independent retail marketing company, calling his choice a "life decision" rather than a business decision. "I have worked an average of 60-or-more hours a

week for three-and-a-half years without ever taking a paycheck (or a vacation)," Paskins says. "I have reinvested everything back into the store. I have essentially worked for free for three-and-a-half years. I have other things that I would like to do with my life and working an ungodly amount of hours for free is not allowing me to do those things.

"Now, don't get me wrong, I love what I do. Aside from my wife and family, there is nothing that I love more in my life than my job... But it is important to remember that this is still a job; a job that just isn't allowing me to do the things that I want to do in life... I just feel like it is time for me to take my talents to the next level."

DEF SCAM? LABEL ACCUSED OF SCAN ANTICS

Def Jam—the label that brought us **Public Enemy**, LL **Cool J** and, um, **Oran** "**Juice**" **Jones**—is being accused of fudging their SoundScan numbers in a \$22 million lawsuit.

The suit alleges that the marketing firm hired by Def Jam, Giaco Entertainment, artificially inflated sales figures to SoundScan. The claim says independent retailers were offered free CDs in exchange for agreeing to repeatedly swipe CDs across their scanners to boost sales figures. (This gives new meaning to stocking that crazy rap music front-of-store, out of *fear* that people will repeatedly swipe CDs.) A UMG spokesmen says the company refuses to comment until it has seen the suit.

WARNER UP, SONY DOWN, INTREPID CMJ HEADLINE WRITER UNCREATIVE

In the final quarter of 2003, Sony reported a 26 percent drop in earnings, due to restructuring. Most shocking, though is that their music profits were *up*, while it noted weaker profits in hardware, movies and games. Brothers-in-octopus-arms Time Warner returned to profit in 2003, after reporting an almost-\$45 billion loss due to AOL writeoffs and ceasing to report Warner Music Group, which has now been picked up by... well, you know who.

CMJ wishes these two little upstart labels the best in 2004!

POINTS OF IMPACT

COOPER TEMPLE CLAUSE LIARS LAMBCHOP TRANS AM They Were Wrong, So We... AWCMON/NOYOUCMON Kick Up The Fire, And Let.. Liberation RCA (BMG) Mute (Caroline) Merge (Touch And Go) Thrill Jockey (ADA) Catalog No. 59573 Catalog No. 9235 Catalog Nos. 240 and 241 Catalog No. 144 Release Date: Feb. 24 Release Date: Feb. 24 Release Date: Feb. 17 Release Date: Feb. 17 Shipping 10k. Band is California-centric Over 150k sold abroad (67k in U.K. Currently in solicitation. Programs: Shipping 20k. Trans Am's seventh proper alone), an art-dev priority for RCA in Borders (LS), Tower (Keystore LS), and tours that region heavily, so focus full length (not including their EPs and 2004 stateside. Only \$9.98—many indie Newbury Comics, Virgin. Tons of indies: naturally placed on west coast accounts: collabos with fellow rock deconstructionretailers have been stocking and selling Amoeba, Other (lightbox), Rasputin, Dimple (Sacramento), Rasputin ists the Fucking Champs). Programs runthrough on import. U.S. release has two Atomic, Twist And Shout, Music (Berkeley), Tower and punk indies. Inning with Newbury Comics, Sonic Boom, unreleased live tracks. Programs: CIMS, Millennium, M-Theory, Easy Street, co-op store play, posters and sticker packages Tower, Amoeba, Fingerprints, Reckless Newbury, A.I.M.S., MMN, Virgin. galore. Insound.com pre-order campaign. to be distributed to indies nationwide. and AKA Music. College radio is a huge priority for this Focus tracks are "Remote Control," "There's Always Room On The Broom" Add date: February 10. Double-disc version one. Add date is February 10. Both "Outmoder" and "Idea Machine." Going singles serviced to commercial alternaserviced to college radio, to be tracked and Syndicate and AAM working college. tive. February 6, guest DJs on treated as one release for charting. Heavy for adds February 24th, hitting core col-McGathy on commercial specialty. Band WNYU/New York; February 9, focus on College and AAA stations. Focus lege radio and electronic specialty shows showcased at CMJ 2003. Label also KEXP/Seattle debuting one track a day. tracks: AWCMON's "Something's Going and stations. Last album hit CMJ top 40. active on setting up college radio inter-College add date February 17. Last On" and NOYOUCMON's "Low Ambition." record reached CMJ Radio 200 Top 20. "There's Always Room On The Broom" A live performance video for "Promises Promises" No video planned at this time. directed by Cody Baker Critcheloe (Yeah is completed and will be serviced to MTV, MTV2 Yeah Yeahs artwork, SSION). Already added (Subterranean), Fuse and local video outto mtvU (MTV's closed-circuit TV station). lets; video will also be placed on Concrete's RetailVision and the Cornerstone Player. Serviced to national and regional outlets in mid-February *NME*: "The most brilliantly ambitious record of the year" (band owned the Press galore: Cover of *Rockpile*. Features: *Alternative Press, CMJ Monthly* and Reviews in Rolling Stone, Alternative Getting ink in Blender, Alternative Press, Press, The Believer, Blender, Filter, GQ, BlackBook, Wired, Rolling Stone, Magnet, NME, with two covers in 2003). Recent Weekly, Magnet, Fader, Time Out New Law Of Inertia, Maxim, No Depression, Soma and Remix CMJ New Music Report cover story. York, Skyscraper, Arthur, Res, Alarm, The Onion, Punk Planet, Shredding Named "Band to watch in 2004" by Spin more. Reviews: Rolling Stone, Spin, Vice, Paper, Spin and The Village Voice. and Alternative Press. Press is just getting Stuff, Tokion, Village Voice, Paper, Features in Devil In The Woods and BlackBook, Blender, Complex, more. started, look out. Special New York show to launch release Upcoming U.S. tour kicks off March 5 in Extensive touring to follow releases. Short Short run of dates scheduled in March on February 24. Ticket giveaways and D.C. and will head on through Philly, southeast tour planned immediately after (ending at SXSW). Markets include D.C., contests with indies in top markets. Hoboken, NYC, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, release, to be followed by thorough Richmond, Knoxville, Memphis, Dallas Thorough U.S. tour in March and April. Austin, Dallas, Denver, L.A., San Francisco European tour in March. Full U.S. tour and, of course, Austin. planned in April and May. and Seattle. Cornerstone Digital handling nearly all Heavy promotions with Insound.com: Pre-Band Web site: lambchop.net (featuring Label site: thrilljockey.com. MP3 available online and street campaigns. Exclusive order campaign with autographed copies Chopster!). Label Web site: mergereand online contest running through March. content and contests running on the coopas purchase incentives, streaming audio, cords.com, features band news, tour info, ertempleclause.com. Online campaigns banners, Email blasts, etc. Amazon genre value adds for the first 100 pre-orders, targeting online retailers and marketing page/Email blast. Video and audio at etc. Insound.com covers all Merge artists. companies: Sperry Media, Amazon, www.mute.com/liars. Insound. Unconcerned with the concept of developing Liars lose their funk-punk for a hypnotic, Kurt Wagner's brand of mellow, orchestrated Over the course of six albums and three a defining signature sound, TCTC's music noisy no-wave freakout in the vein of Sonic and thoughtful avant-country has captivated EPs, Trans Am have pleased and confounded critics with their ever-evolving runs across the board from electronic experi-Youth's Bad Moon Rising and Black Dice. fans for years—a cross between Barry White Based on faerie tales, witches and folklore Randy Newman and Wilco. These two sepastyle-vivisecting metal licks, electro-pop, mentation, to big choruses, to songs to wage war by. Tools include B-side singles, 7" and (trading funk-punk for punkins?), this is a rate albums are the seventh and eighth krautrock. Currently in a retro-electro-funkmore. At last year's Reading Festival, TCTC chilling exploration of austere timbres in the releases from the band, but will be released post-rock vein, this trio makes delicious purportedly stole the show. By all accounts: New Jersey woods. Tracks on the on the same day (like an alt-country Use robot-rock for obscurants and poppers do not miss this band live. They'll be at Tokion/Insound sampler and CMJ Monthly Your Illusion), both of which maintain their alike. Contact howard@thrilljockey.com. SXSW. Contact your local BMG-er or Email own integrity. Contact Paul Cardillo: sampler. Posters, stickers and in-store play brad.oldham@bmg.com for more info. copies for all-contact nicole@mute.com or paul@mergerecords.com for in-store play



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ollege campuses, once the idyllic locale for indie stores, have proven to be the most foreboding places to set up shop in these dark days of digital downloading, However, Finest CDs And LPs has stores in both Greeley and Fort Collins, Colorado, both of which foster thriving college campuses. "Our competition used to be independent record stores," says owner Jim Risser. "Now the competition is the mass-merchants. We're still very niche-oriented." The store keeps true to its name, having been founded by two cousins, Glenn and Betsy Cobarr, who combined their record collections and sold the dupes. Risser quickly rose from lowly clerk in 1981, to powerful general manger in 1986 and finally to "grand poo-bah," buying the store last October and maintaining the Mom and Pop feel. "They were at my wedding, they were at both my parents' funerals," Jim says. "It's like a family operation, so I'm just carrying it on."

Over the years, the Finest pioneered many unorthodox promotions. "For almost 30 years, we've done a parking lot sale," Jim says. "Now, of course, everyone does them, especially the stores in L.A." Selling CDs for 50 cents, and records and tapes for only two bits a pop, these sales thrive seasonally at both stores. Another bit of fun the Finest propagated was a "happy hour," where customers would participate for dollars off; everything from joke days to tattoo days. But the best was the Finest "pet day,"

where customers turned Finest into a zoo, bringing in snakes and iguanas on leashes. Never content with normalcy, the Finest continues to blaze new trails. "We were like the first store in Colorado to carry reggae, because the owners were into that," Jim says. "Everything we do makes us nontraditional

Q&A with Jim Risser, owner, The Finest CDs And LPs

anyway; we just have tons of great stuff."

What local press affects sales most?

Just the local Denver media. We'll run an ad occasionally in the local paper. We're real word-of-mouth.



The Finest CDs And LPs (background) and Colorado's annual Don King parade (foreground).

What radio station affects sales most?

KBPI, KTCL, the Fox [KRFX], which plays classic rock. KBCO in Boulder plays everything. Greeley has [college station] KUNC. That's an NPR station, so it's more folk and new age and jazz.

Do you have in-stores?

Fort Collins has had Eek-A-Mouse and Firefall, but since we're not in a major market like Denver, we don't get that much. Royal Crown Revue came in and we had Double R on Krayzie Bone's label.

What is your most effective program?

You can listen to anything before buying it. Both stores are on the ISIS listening program, so we get good stuff from them once a month. We can get special orders really fast as long as Alliance and Super D carry it.

What other programs do you offer? Are any of them discretionary?

Occasionally we'll get a listening station coop title to work, but we don't get a lot of label co-op support, probably just because of where we are. We're really not considered a major market.

What display materials work best for you?

Posters, flats; a couple of labels got us some lightboxes. Occasionally we'll get stand-up displays.

What records are your current and alltime favorites?

I love the latest Massive Attack release 100th Window. Led Zeppelin's Physical Graffiti.

What's the first record you bought and where?

In Lakewood, Colorado, where I grew up, I bought **Deep Purple**'s *Made In Japan*. It was at Budget Tapes And Records, down on West Colfax

What's the best concert you've attended?

I saw U2 at a small Fort Collins venue called the Lincoln Center, in like '82. The next year I saw them at Red Rocks when they filmed *Under A Blood Red Sky*. It was so cold, they had the MTV crew booked and the support groups didn't play, but U2 still did. You could see their breath.

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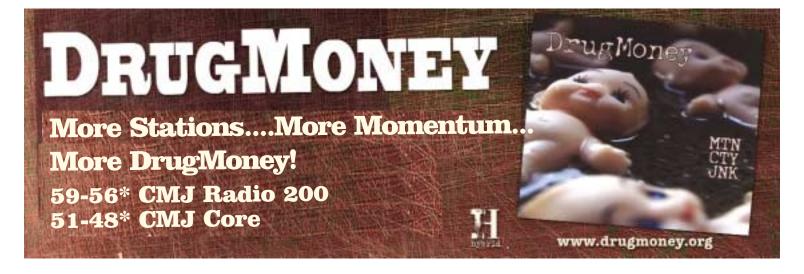
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